

THE PURPOSE OF WEAKNESS II Corinthians 12:1-10

There is a big difference between the way people look at weakness and the way God looks at weakness. People have the tendency to look at weakness as a liability. God looks at weakness as an opportunity for Him to show Himself mighty in our behalf. Your weakness and God's strength are a perfect match!

FOUR BASIC TYPES OF HUMAN WEAKNESS

1. Inability

Maybe it is something that you haven't learned yet. We all have areas of life that are waiting to be explored. It could also be something that you're just not good at. No one is great at everything!

2. Iniquity

Psalm 51:5

The term "bent" is often used to describe the tendency of sin created by the environment in which you were reared. The way your family responded to certain events, people, and circumstances largely influence the way you typically respond to those same things.

How to Deal with Iniquity

- A. Admit it and take responsibility for it.
- B. Forgive your offender. (parents, guardians, siblings, etc.)
- C. Break that stronghold in the name of Jesus.
- D. Surrender your "bent" to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

3. Infirmity

II Corinthians 12:7

The frailty of our mind or body is a common malady for us all. Whether the weakness is temporary or long-term, it is most certainly a cause of concern we all must confront.

4. Inherent

I Corinthians 2:1-5

This is weakness that accompanies our humanity. Like the Apostle Paul, God may have built you with a "need" that will motivate you to seek Him. Many times, these are the most difficult things to accept. Your weakness has a greater potential to glorify God than your strength, because in the areas in which you are strong, you have the tendency to depend solely upon yourself and your abilities.