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"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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Weaknesses

"Admitting your faults isn't a weakness – it's a strength. Having your weaknesses pointed out isn't a slur on your character – it's an opportunity to improve your life." – James Owen

"Every night before going to sleep, we must ask ourselves: what weakness did I overcome today? What virtue did I acquire?" – Seneca

"Sometimes you don't realize your own strength until you come face to face with your greatest weakness." – Unknown

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved." – Helen Keller

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time." – Thomas A. Edison

Every single human being has weaknesses. Perhaps you have anger issues, or maybe struggle with impatience, or perhaps talk too much, or maybe you are the type of person to take too many risks. The list of weaknesses can be amazing to see.

Quite often our greatest struggle is in what we cannot do. You might struggle with shyness that prevents you from public speaking. You might fight with yourself over the seeming inability to push yourself away from food. Or, you might find yourself so intimidated that you fail in your endeavors before you have been given yourself a chance to succeed.

No one likes to admit they have weaknesses. We are concerned with how others might view us. But if you realize that every one of us has some type of weakness, then it becomes easier to address that which weakens you.

"Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am weak...." (Psa. 6:2). This sounds like a prayer that every one of us could utter.

When it comes to spiritual matters we must accept that we are weak. "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Cor. 12:10). The apostle Paul knew that the strength to overcome the human weaknesses is found in Christ. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13).

Even though we have weaknesses, and imperfections, we rejoice knowing that our Lord provides the strength we need to live the Christian life. There is no shame in admitting that we need Jesus in our lives!

Always remember that you will never be perfect. But thankfully, we can place our hope and trust in One who is! "To God be the glory." Amen.