

Identity Theft # 2 I Have To Be Strong

When (the devil) lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:44

2 Cor 10:3-5

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

- **A Lie Believed as Truth Will Affect You as if it Were True.**

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. John 8:32

→ Our natural minds will tend not to agree with the truth we are affirming.

Gal 5:17

→ We can't hope to achieve spiritual growth and change through self-effort.

Gal 5:16

→ In order to become proficient at affirming the truth we need to become student of God's Word. (c.f. Ps 119:11,92-93,105,127)

→ Learn to confront each false belief with a specific truth from God's word.

Jer 10:5

Like a scarecrow in a melon patch,

their idols cannot speak;

they must be carried

because they cannot walk.

Do not fear them;

they can do no harm

nor can they do any good."

Song

you gotta be bad, you gotta be bold, you gotta be wiser,

You gotta be hard - you gotta be tough - you gotta be stronger,

You gotta be cool, - you gotta be calm, - you gotta stay together

"Strong" Beliefs

- Emotionally Strong
- Provisionally Strong
- Spiritually Strong
- Professionally Strong

Song - How fragile we are

- Your Strength Is Limited.
- God's Strength Is Unlimited.

Isaiah 40:30 *Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall.*

Isa 40:31

But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength.

They will soar high on wings like eagles.

They will run and not grow weary.

They will walk and not faint.

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The Truth

"You have to be weak, broken, vulnerable, and dependent."

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses...For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

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2 Corinthians 12:9

God's divine influence is exactly enough to meet your every need. For his explosive miraculous power is made completely perfect in you when you are broken before Him.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Ephesians 6:10