

Strength Prayer

I love strength. I love the word “mighty,” as in “mighty woman of God” and “mighty man of God.”

**I love to hear that Moses “was mighty in his words and deeds” (Acts 7:22),
and that Apollos was “mighty in the Scriptures” (Acts 18:24 NASB).**

**I love it when Paul says, “Act like men, be strong”
(1 Corinthians 16:13),**

I love it when the scriptures say:

**“Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might”
(Ephesians 6:10),**

**or, “Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus”
(2 Timothy 2:1 NASB]**

**But make no mistake, the pursuit of this might is not the path to
human power and pride.**

It is the path of ceaseless warfare with your own self.

**The greatest power in the world among human beings is the power
not to sin.**

The power of holiness and love.

- 1. Lord, make me so mighty in wisdom that I know and taste that the height of
might is childlikeness (Matthew 18:4).**
- 2. Lord, make me so mighty in war that I defeat every impulse in my soul that
destroys peace (Hebrews 12:14; Romans 14:19; Matthew 5:9).**
- 3. Lord, make me so mighty in my hardness against bitterness that tenderness
of heart is not destroyed by wounds
(Hosea 11:8; Ephesians 4:32; 1 Peter 3:8).**
- 4. Lord, make me mightily unbending and inflexible in my Christ-exalting
resolve to bend and become all things to all people that I might save some
(1 Corinthians 9:22).**

2.

5. Lord, make my trunk and branches so mightily tough and impervious to wind and drought that I never cease to bear the fruit of gentleness ([Galatians 5:23](#); [James 3:17](#); [1 Peter 3:4](#)).

6. Lord, make me so mighty in serpentine discernment that I see every opening for dove-like love ([Matthew 10:16](#)).

7. Lord, make me so mightily unmoved by the sting and deceits of injustice against me that I may feel and show the miracle of undeserved compassion ([Luke 10:33](#); [15:20](#); [Hebrews 10:34](#); [1 Peter 3:8](#)).

8. Lord, make me so mightily unyielding to the enticements of selfishness that from my heart kindness forever flows ([2 Corinthians 6:6](#); [Galatians 5:22](#); [Ephesians 4:32](#); [Colossians 3:12](#)).

9. Lord, make me so mightily unresponsive to the honeyed lure of self-pity that I may have ever-replenished resources to return good for evil ([Romans 12:17](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:15](#); [1 Peter 3:9](#)).

10. Lord, make me mighty with ruthless courage to cut off my hand at every trace of greed that I may be content with what I have ([Philippians 4:11](#); [1 Timothy 6:8](#); [Hebrews 13:5](#)).

11. Lord, make me mighty with happy thoughts of child and wife and King to tear out my eye lest I betray their trust and lose the purity that sees my God ([Matthew 5:8](#), 29).

12. Lord, make me so mighty against the powers of self-justification that I never lose the humility to repent and weep for my sin ([James 4:9](#); [5:16](#)).

13. Lord, make me so mighty in resisting the bait of frenzied productivity that I never cease to enjoy the still waters of prayer and your sweet presence ([Psalm 23:2](#); [Isaiah 46:10](#); [Luke 10:42](#)).

14. Lord, make me so mighty against the deadly undertow of self-reliance that I am never ashamed to trust your arm, like a child with his father, in every breaking wave ([Psalm 37:3](#), 5; [Proverbs 3:5](#); [Galatians 2:20](#)).

3.

15. Lord, make me so mighty in seeing and mighty in savoring the promises of your sovereign grace that in all my sorrows I might never cease to sing your praise

(Matthew 5:11-12; Acts 16:25; 2 Corinthians 6:10; 1 Peter 4:13).