



GROWTH POINT

MIDWEEK SERVICE

PASTOR PAUL CHAPPELL | WEDNESDAY EVENING | MAY 17, 2017

Title: The Strength of Grace

“Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: 7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.” (1 Peter 5:5-9)

INTRODUCTION

1. A _____ WALK

“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

A. Grace to Be _____

GOD RESISTS THE PROUD

“But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.” (James 4:6)

GOD EXALTS THE HUMBLE

B. Grace to _____

Quote: “All of God’s greats have been weak men who did great exploits for God because they reckoned on His being faithful.”

—**Hudson Taylor**

“Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.” (Psalm 55:22)

2. A _____ WATCH

A. Be Alert to the _____

“See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,” (Ephesians 5:15)

“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” (Ephesians 6:11)

B. Be Aware of the _____

WE MUST BE WATCHFUL FOR THE TEMPTATIONS

Quote: “Who better than Peter would know about the prowlings of Satan! Several times Jesus warned Peter that Satan was after him, but he failed to heed the warning. Too many Christians have “gone to sleep,” opening the way for Satan to work.”—**Warren Wiersbe**

“And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldst not thou watch one hour? 38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.” (Mark 14:37-38)

Quote: “When thou sleepest, think that thou art resting on the battlefield; when thou walkest, suspect an ambush in every hedge.”—**Charles Spurgeon**

WE MUST BE MINDFUL OF THE CONSEQUENCES

3. A _____ WARFARE

A. Resist with the _____

Quote: “The readers, however, are not called to fear the devil; they are called to opposition.”—**Tremper Longman**

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” (James 4:7)

B. Resist in the _____

“But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4:4)

“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.” (1 Corinthians 10:13)

CONCLUSION



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