



KEYS TO THE KINGDOM...POWER IN WEAKNESS!

1 CORINTHIANS 1 VERSE 28-31

Glory Only in the Lord...No Flesh shall Glory!!!

26 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called.

27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;

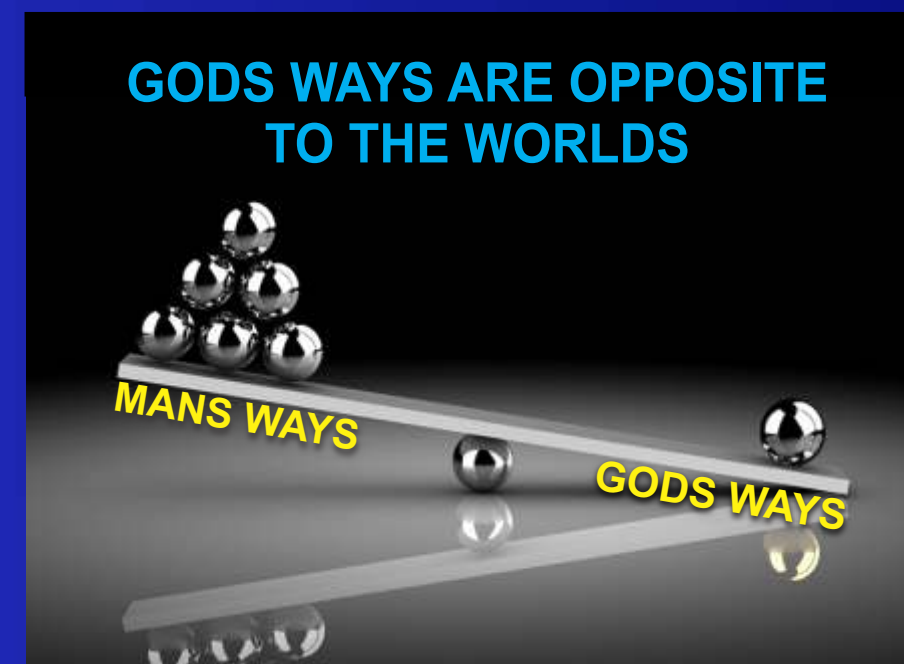
28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are,

29 that no flesh should glory in His presence.

30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—

31 that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.”

THE MIND OF MAN VERSUS THE MIND OF CHRIST!





RECEIVE THE KINGDOM AS A LITTLE CHILD

MARK 10 VERSE 14-16

14 But when Jesus saw *it*, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.

15 Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."

16 And He took them up in His arms, laid *His* hands on them, and blessed them.



WE MUST BECOME CHILDREN...AS CHILDREN TRUST A FATHER WE ALSO MUST LEARN TO TRUST OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN. LIVING BY FAITH AND NOT DOUBTING. WE MUST STOP BEING WISE IN THE WORLDS WAYS BUT BE TEACHABLE AS LITTLE CHILDREN. WE MUST STOP BEING SELF SUFFICIENT AND LEARN TO BECOME GOD DEPENDANT.



OUR ATTITUDE MUST BE AS LITTLE CHILD

MATHEW 18 VERSES 3-4

1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

2 Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them,

3 and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, **unless you are converted and become as little children**, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

4 Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.





The kingdom is revealed to Babes!!

LUKE 10 VERSES 21-24

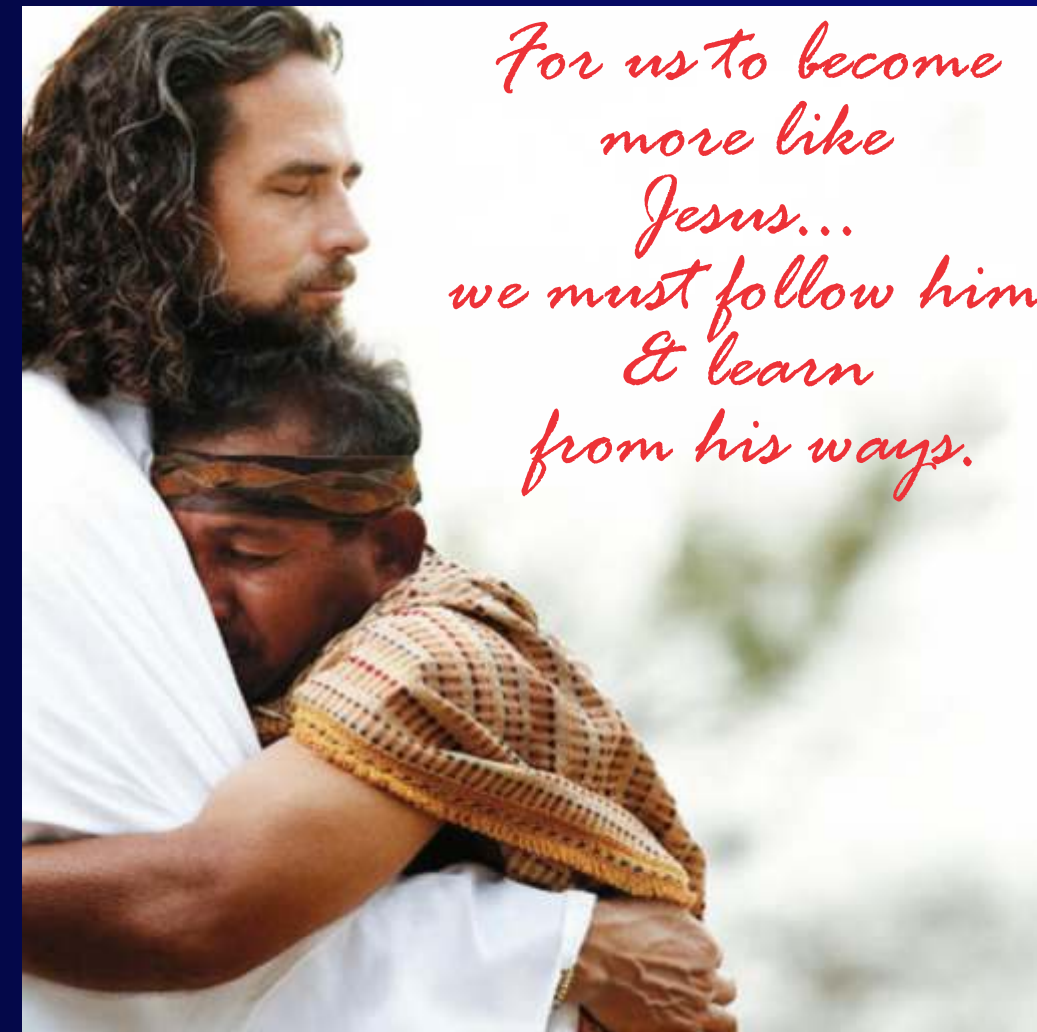
Jesus Rejoices in the Spirit

21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, **that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes.** Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

22 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and *the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.*"

23 Then He turned to *His* disciples and said privately, "Blessed *are* the eyes which see the things you see;

24 for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen *it*, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard *it.*"



*For us to become
more like
Jesus...
we must follow him
& learn
from his ways.*



His Strength is made perfect in our Weakness

2 CORINTHIANS 12 VERSES 7-10

The Thorn in the Flesh

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my **WEAKNESS**, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 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.





WEAKNESS of the SOUL!... NOT A LITERAL INFIRMITY

2 Corinthians 13: 3 since you seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, who is not **WEAK (verb)** toward you, but mighty in you.

4 For though He was crucified in **WEAKNESS (noun)**, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are **WEAK (verb)** in Him, but we shall live with Him **by the power of God** toward you.

**STOP TRYING TO SAVE YOURSELF IN YOUR OWN POWER
EVEN BY GOING UNDER THE O.T. LAW!**

2 Corinthians 11 vs 28-30 (read vs 22-27 to see Pauls sufferings!)

28 besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.

29 Who is **weak (verb)**, and I am not **weak (verb)**? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation?

Indignation meaning: anger or annoyance provoked by what is perceived as unfair treatment.

30 If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my **infirmity**. = **WEAKNESS (noun)**

Strong's G769 - astheneia)

WEAKNESS...

The KJV translates Strong's G769 in the following manner:

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I. want of strength, weakness, infirmity
 1. of the body
 - A. its native weakness and frailty
 - B. feebleness of health or sickness
 2. of the soul
 - A. want of strength and capacity requisite
 - i. to understand a thing
 - ii. to do things great and glorious
 - iii. to restrain corrupt desires
 - iv. to bear trials and troubles



HIS STRENGTH THROUGH OUR WEAKNESS

2 Corinthians 4

6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Cast Down but Unconquered

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the **EXCELLENCE OF THE POWER MAY BE OF GOD AND NOT OF US.**

John 3

30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

31 He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all.

32 And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.

33 He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.

34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: **for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.**

35 The Father loveth the Son, **and hath given all things into his hand.**

