

# THE GOOD SIDE OF INADEQUACY

Mark 9:23 KJV

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.



## 2 Corinthians 3:1-5 KJV

[1] Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you? [2] Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: [3] Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. [4] And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: [5] Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;

### 1. INADEQUACY drives us to God.

When inadequacy reaches the right temperature, we look to God for advice, help, guidance, etc. Whatever drives me to God is good. It makes my relationship with God stronger through dependency. Pride distances me from God, it's the opposite of turning to God.

#### Psalm 10:4 KJV

The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God : God is not in all his thoughts.

### 2. INADEQUACY relieves us the burden of trying to do the will of God through our own strength.

It's an instrument by which we obtain the proper perspective of how important God is needed in our life and how our life has meaning through the will of God.

#### Isaiah 41:10 KJV

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

#### 2 Corinthians 12:10 KJV

Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

### 3. INADEQUACY forces us to live and work in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The power of the Holy Spirit is what enables us, strengthens us, and guides us to do what God has called us to do. Outside the Holy Spirit's power, we can only do so much with our own abilities. God gave us purpose that only God can help us achieve.

Luke 11:20 KJV

[20] But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

Acts 1:8 KJV

[8] But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Luke 24:49 KJV

[8] And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

### 4. INADEQUACY provides God the opportunity to demonstrate what great things He can do with so little to work with.

Five loaves of bread and two fishes fed five thousand and is a great example of God using little to accomplish much. What could any one of us do with those meager portions, but placed in the hands of God, the infinite is possible.

Matthew 14:17-21 KJV

[17] And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. [18] He said, Bring them hither to me. [19] And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. [20] And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. [21] And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

## 5. INADEQUACY frees God to use us to the maximum of our potential.

It removes the filter of our own reasoning that says we must be in control of our decisions and the direction in our life. As a result, we can see the full power of God's working through us.

Jeremiah 29:11 KJV

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Psalms 32:8 KJV

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

## 6. INADEQUACY allows God to receive all the glory due Him.

We see and realize we could not have accomplished what God has helped us to accomplish. We look back and come to the realization that we couldn't possibly have accomplished it on our own. This keeps us humble because we know how much we need God.

Acts 17:25 KJV

Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

## 7. INADEQUACY enables us to walk in contentment and quietness of spirit.

We learn to trust God in guiding us in life and to be the sole provider for all that we need in order to accomplish the will He has created us for. We can be at peace knowing this.

Psalms 46:10 KJV

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.