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### Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 135

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by **His strong love**. Eph. 6:10-11 “***Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.***”

The Greek word for *strong* is *endunamousthe* which means *empowered, strengthened, and able to accomplish*. This word is similar to the word we looked at a couple of days ago but with a bit of a variation. When Paul tells the church at Ephesus to be strong, it is not a strength that they can come up with themselves. We are to be strong in the Lord. The Greek term here is *kurio* which means *in the authority of the Lord or Master*.

We do not have nor possess the power that it takes to have this kind of strength. It can only be derived from the source of all power, God Himself. He is our only source and supply to be able to stand against the devil’s schemes. The key here is the phrase “in the Lord.” We must choose to daily and moment by moment, abide in the Lord. This is a decision of our will and it must be a continual thought process for us, because we are flawed by sin and selfishness. ***Let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus.***

We live in a fallen and dark world that seems to be getting darker each day. But, we as the children of God, must take up our positions and stand in His mighty power. The love of God compels us to do so. Let us join hearts and hands and truly start to make a difference in a world that has turned so far away from God.

**Dear Father, we call upon You to give us the strength to abide in You. When we do this, we will be empowered to stand against the devil’s schemes and begin to see victory in this world. Help us please Lord. In Jesus Name, Amen**