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2 COR 5:1-10

## A NEW CREATION

Nothing lasts forever. Toys, school bags, shoes or books serve a purpose but at a certain point they will get damaged. When they get worn out or damaged, we will need to change them with a new one.

When we receive Jesus, we become a new creation as if we were in a whole new world. It means we are nothing like we were before.

Maybe we used to say bad things about people, but after we receive Jesus, we stop ourselves from doing that.

Maybe we used to feel jealous of other people's achievement, but after we receive Jesus, we can feel happy for them.

Maybe we used to refuse reading the Bible, but now we are excited to read God's word every day as our guide in life.

The old has passed away. The new has come. Let us live as a renewed creation that glorifies God alone.

### Key verse:

*2 Corinthians 5:17a*

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, my life is Yours and my old ways of life have been renewed. May my life as a new creation glorify Your name. Amen.*





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2 COR 7:9-11

## GODLY SORROW

A switchblade and a scalpel have similarities as well as differences. They are both really sharp and can cause a scar or a deep wound on someone. However, a switchblade is mostly used in a fight while a scalpel is used by a surgeon during operation with a purpose to help a patient. So, even though they both can cause a wound, these wounds lead to different results.

This illustration explains the difference between worldly and Godly sorrow.

Godly sorrow is a sorrow over sins. Godly sorrow may hurt for a moment but it eventually leads us to repentance and restoration. Like the surgeon's incision, it causes temporary pain but brings healing. Godly sorrow moves us to confession, repentance and allows us to enjoy His forgiveness and salvation.

Worldly sorrow focuses our attention on our failures and makes us stay further from God. Worldly sorrow eventually leads to destruction as it causes a person to dwell in guilt and regret.

Let us always live in repentance, shun evil and do the right.

### Key verse:

*2 Corinthians  
7:10  
Godly sorrow  
brings  
repentance that  
leads to salvation  
and leaves no  
regret, but  
worldly sorrow  
brings death.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, give  
me a heart that  
is quick to repent  
and to turn back  
to You. Amen.*





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2 COR 9:6-11

## GIVE GENEROUSLY

There is a quote: "That's what I consider true generosity: You give your all, and yet you always feel as if it costs you nothing".

Paul said, "God loves a cheerful giver." While encouraging the believers in Corinth to give generously, Paul didn't want them to give beyond their means or to give reluctantly.

When we give generously, God pours His abundant blessing upon us. God promises us sufficiency in everything as He will supply all of our needs, provide more for us to give and increase our righteousness. In fact, we will be enriched in everything for our generosity. When we give, it does not make us poor.

When we give generously, others will see the unconditional love of God. As a result, they will feel blessed, be thankful to God and be inspired to do the same thing to others as well. God will be glorified through our act of generosity, and we become a living testimony about God's blessing.

It is not hard to give generously because God gives His blessing to us generously too.

### Key verse:

*2 Corinthians 9:11  
God will make you rich in every way so that you can always give freely. And your giving through us will cause many to give thanks to God.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, I'm thankful for all the blessings You have given to me. Let me become Your vessel to bless others. Amen.*





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2 COR 10:3-6

## OUR WEAPONS

In this life, we need some weapons to defeat our enemy. Who is our enemy and what are our weapons? Our enemy is the devil. The devil always tries to make us fall into sin and destruction by injecting lies into our mind.

For example, when you feel you didn't do well in your exam, the devil will try to make you feel so miserable as if there was no more hope for you. The thought haunts you and may lead you into doing things that will be bad for yourself.

This is just one simple example. The devil is the father of lies. His goal is to make us feel ashamed, hopeless, angry, guilty, unworthy, and all other bad feelings that will bring us down.

Praise God! He has given us the weapons we need. Among them is His word, the truth that can set our lives free from the lies thrown by the devil. Speak out the word of God with faith. God's word and our faith have the power to defeat the devil.

Moreover, always pray to God and ask your parents, your Christian teachers or friends to support you in prayer as well. You are never alone, and you are precious in God's sight.

### Key verse:

*2 Corinthians 10:4a*

*We fight with weapons that are different from those the world uses. Our weapons have power from God.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, guard me from the evil thought and protect me from the evil one. You are my stronghold. Amen.*





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2 COR 12:7-10

## WHEN I AM WEAK, HE IS STRONG

When Paul asked God to take away his trouble, God spoke to him, "My grace is enough for you. When you are weak, then My power is made perfect in you."

Paul went through a lot of tribulations in his life, but he clung to his hope in Jesus. He knew that God would always be present and would help him no matter what. It is also true for us. Paul, you and I serve God who turns our weakness into our strength. God works incredible miracles in the lives of those who come before Him with all their brokenness and need. His power is made perfect in those who simply cry out to Him in desperation.

When we are feeling weak, discouraged or uncertain, pray and ask God for strength and power. Acknowledge that all we have and all that we can do come from Him. When we acknowledge that we can't do anything without God, it allows God to truly work in and through us in amazing ways.

Remember, when we are weak, God remains strong and He will reveal His power through us.

### Key verse:

*2 Corinthians  
12:9*

*My grace is  
enough for you.  
When you are  
weak, then My  
power is made  
perfect in you.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, thank  
You for Your  
power in me. Help  
me to remember  
that when I am  
weak, You are  
strong. I trust  
You all the time.  
Amen.*





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**GAL 1:10-15**

## WHOSE APPROVAL DO YOU SEEK?

In an art gallery, a piece of art might be very pleasing and appealing to most of the viewers, however, there will be a group of other viewers who do not really appreciate that piece. Likewise, it is impossible for us to be able to please everyone.

The Bible says that we should aim to please God. So, in everything we do we should do it for God, not for pleasing others or for seeking people's approval.

At times you will have to make a choice between seeking God's approval or people's approval, for God's ways are not men's ways. As important as it is to strive for a good relationship with others, it is even more important to obey and stay faithful to God.

The Bible says that when we live to please God we will have a full and happy life. Seeking God's approval will not give us disappointment and frustration.

### **Key verse:**

*Galatians 1:10b  
If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ*

### **Prayer**

*Dear God, help me to remember that Your approval is more important than people's approval. I want to live to please You Lord. Amen.*





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GAL 2:19-21

## I AM NOTHING WITHOUT CHRIST

People wear gloves before doing many kinds of work, such as digging the soil, hammering the nails, raking the leaves, hoeing in the garden, painting the walls and even carrying heavy furniture. However, we know that without the hands, gloves are powerless and are not able to do anything. Gloves can be very useful because of the hand inside them.

This illustrates that when we have Jesus inside us, we have the power to do great things for His glory. We should acknowledge Jesus in all our achievements and success.

Sometimes we may start thinking that we do some pretty great things. We may brag about how high our grades are or we might tell everybody about how much volunteer work we have done.

The next time you start thinking that you have done something great, remember the gloves. They can do nothing without a hand inside. You and I can do nothing without Christ inside us.

### Key verse:

*Galatians 2:20  
... it is Christ living in me. I still live in my body, but I live by faith in the Son of God. He loved me and gave Himself to save me.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, help me to remember that apart from You, I can do nothing. Amen.*

