

Colossians 1:11 – Prayer ii: Strength, Patience & Joy.

I. Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power...

To be given the ability to, by God's unlimited and supernatural power...

[Deuteronomy 31:6](#) - *“Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.”*

[Joshua 1:7](#) - *“Only **be strong** and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.*

[2 Samuel 10:12](#) - *“**Be** of good courage, and let us **be strong** for our people and for the cities of our God. And may the LORD do what is good in His sight.”*

[Psalms 84:5-7](#) - *Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, whose heart is set on pilgrimage. As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a spring; the rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; Each one appears before God in Zion.*

[2 Corinthians 12:10](#) - *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.*

[Philippians 4:13](#) - *I can do all things through Christ who **strengthens me**.*

II. For all patience and longsuffering...

Among other things, the strength and power is to cause us to be patient...

Patience is the “deliberate purpose and loyalty to faith through even the greatest trials and sufferings...”

[Ecclesiastes 7:8](#) - *The end of a thing is better than its beginning; the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.*

[Psalms 86:15](#) - *But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, **longsuffering** and abundant in mercy and truth.*

"Patience serves as a protection against wrongs as clothes do against cold. For if you put on more clothes as the cold increases it will have no power to hurt you. So in like manner you must grow in patience when you meet with great wrongs, and they will then be powerless to vex your mind."

[1Thesalonians 5:14](#) - Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be **patient** with all.

[James 1:2-4](#) - My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

III. With joy.

Gladness of heart and cheerfulness of soul regardless of circumstances...

[Psalm 105:43](#) - He brought out His people with joy, His chosen ones with gladness.

[Psalm 9:2](#) - I will be glad and **rejoice** in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

[Acts 13:52](#) - And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

[Romans 12:10-13](#) - Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

[1Thesalonians 5:16](#) - **Rejoice** always,

As a third-century man was anticipating death, he penned these last words to a friend: "It's a bad world, an incredibly bad world. But I have discovered in the midst of it a quiet and holy people who have learned a great secret. They have found a joy which is a thousand times better than any pleasure of our sinful life. They are despised and persecuted, but they care not. They are masters of their souls. They have overcome the world. These people are the Christians--and I am one of them."