

## Wednesday Devotional

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Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5

The Power of Your Life By: Dr. Charles Stanley

Are you weary? Do you feel as if your service for God has become a burden? There's good news for you today: you were never meant to live the Christian life in your own strength. The true Christian life is not so much that you live for Jesus – which is what most religions require. Rather, it's Jesus living through you; empowering you to do the work only He can do.

Think about the disciples. They were uneducated, simple men, who had no resources on their own. They were completely incapable of taking the good news of salvation to the whole world on their own. But then, no one would ever say that the gospel spread and endured because of those disciples. Rather, it was the power of God that fueled it from start to finish.

Remember: the Father never asks you to do anything for Him in your own strength because then you'd get the glory. No, He's chosen you for the tasks before you so He can shine His power through you – so that when the work's accomplished, people won't look to you; they'll look to Him and believe.

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