



**Spiritual Growth**  
**Part Two: Young and Strong**  
**1 John 2:12-14**

**1. A Distinctive \_\_\_\_\_**

There is a strength that exists in all believers that is unlike the strength of the world. For the believer does not acquire his strength from any weak or feeble sources, but from the might and greatness of our Savior and LORD.

*Philippians 4:13 ~ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*

**2. An Abiding \_\_\_\_\_**

It is not enough to maintain proximity to the word of God; it must be an abiding source of sustaining strength for every believer. Seek it out, and let the word saturate your heart until you overflow with the very nature of Christ.

*Luke 8:15 ~ "As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience."*

**3. A Victorious \_\_\_\_\_**

The influence of evil gathers like clouds for a storm. Yet the Christian is victorious in Christ and will remain so, even when hard pressed by wicked agencies that strive against the LORD's servants.

*Romans 8:37 ~ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*

**John 16:33**

**"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."**



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**Additional Scriptures**

**Psalm 84:7**

*They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.*

**2 Corinthians 12:10**

*For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

**Ephesians 6:10**

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.*

**Jeremiah 15:16**

*Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.*

**Colossians 3:16**

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

**Psalm 119:11**

*I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.*

**Matthew 16:18**

*And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

**Romans 12:21**

*Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

**Revelation 21:7**

*The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.*

**Thoughts to Remember:**

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