

Introduction

1. Welcome - Today...

- (1) Is a good day to hit me up for a loan
- (2) Is the only day to stop by the house unannounced
- (3) Is when more people describe my disposition as pleasant
- (4) Is the day to ask to borrow my Harley

2. Review

2 Corinthians 10:4-7 - For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete. Look at what is before your eyes. If anyone is confident that he is Christ's, let him remind himself that just as he is Christ's, so also are we.

(1) What are strongholds?

+ Sources of strongholds

(2) Types of strongholds

(3) List of comprehensive strongholds

+ Autonomy

+ Lazy

+ Busy

+ Angry

+ Happy

+ Sufficiency ←

I. Defining Sufficiency

1. Are We Sufficient?

2 Cor 3:5 - Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us...

ἰκανός hikanos **considerable; many**

BDAG sufficient, adequate, large enough; fit, appropriate, competent, qualified, able,;

considerable; many, quite a few

EDNT sufficient, qualified, large enough

Little Kittel

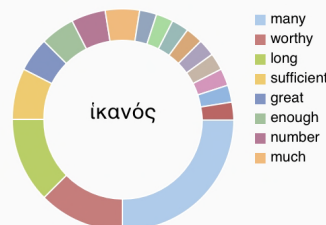
DBL Greek enough; intense; adequate; enough; many; large

Louw-Nida enough, sufficient

TDNT

LSJ sufficing, becoming, befitting

Greek-English Dict. of N.T. worthy, fit; sufficient, able; it is enough!; satisfy; security, peace bond; large, great, much,; many



(1) Cracked vessels

2 Cor 4:7 - But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

(1) One translation says: "cracked"

(3) Genesis 3: "God is not enough" so we seek to fill ourselves in an effort to be enough.

2. Prides As A Substitute

(1) Towards our work

Galatians 6:4 - But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor.

(2) Towards our people

2 Cor 7:4 - I am acting with great boldness toward you; I have great pride in you; I am filled with comfort. In all our affliction, I am overflowing with joy.

(3) Towards our sufficiency

Psalms 10:3-4 - For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul, and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the Lord. In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him; all his thoughts are, "There is no God."

Proverbs 8:13 - Pride and arrogance and the way of evil & perverted speech I hate.

3. Consequences of pride

- (1) Failed Community (I don't need)
 - + I know what's best, others are in the way
- (2) Failed Intimacy
 - + you look (cracked)
 - + Spiritual Intimacy w/ God
- (3) Failed Sufficiency
 - + you can never be enough because the target is always changing
 - Education
 - Rules governing sexuality of gods
 - Body Image / Health
 - Family planning

Judges 17:6 - In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

4. (Self) Sufficiency is when pride embodies itself in the idea that I can be enough apart from Jesus Christ

II. Deferring Sufficiency

7 subtle sufficiency signs

1. Fault-Finding

- (1) The more we focus on other's faults the more we ignore our own. (Vice/Versa)
- (2) Humility is concerned w/ its own heart

2. A Harsh Spirit

- (1) People are either a threat to our sufficiency
- (2) People are in the way of our sufficiency
+ How we treat a coach who won't put our kid in.
+ " " " a spouse who won't let you go

3. Superficiality

- (1) Fake it until we make it (until enough)

4. Defensiveness

- (1) You believe on you see & know what's best

5. Neglecting Others

- (1) Only engage w/ those who aren't a threat or can add to my endgame.

6. Attention-Seeking

Maybe it sounds like shameless boasting about ourselves. Maybe it's being unable to say "no" to anyone because we need to be needed. Maybe it looks like obsessively thirsting for marriage — or fantasizing about a better marriage — because you're hungry to be adored. Maybe it looks like being haunted by your desire for the right car or the right house or the right title at work: all because you seek the glory that comes from men, not God.

7. Presumptions About God

- (1) About who He is
- (2) What He's like
- (3) Why He does things
- (4) My sins vs. grace

III. Defeating Sufficiency (2 Cor 10)

1. Spiritual Awareness

- (1) Self-sufficiency is a corrupted idea based on our need for the Gospel.
- (2) There is no naturalistic reason for our desires to be enough, only spiritual ones.

2. Destroy Arguments

- (1) Let me tell you something you already know deep inside: **You are not enough**
- (2) Not on your own...
- (3) You're not going reach some summit for each every of your life:
 - + Professionally + Relationally
 - + Spiritually + Financially

3. Take Thoughts Captive

- (1) Superficial (2) Harsh (3) Defensive
- (4) Neglectful (5) Fault-finding
- (6) Harsh (7) Presumptive

4. Don't Do It Alone

- (1) The church, God's people, are what God gives you to be more functionally sufficient in this world.
- (2) People is how God humbles us.

Conclusion

5. Look right in front of you

2 Corinthians 3:4-6 - Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us sufficient...

- (1) Confidence - Easter is the day our faith is more than just wishful thinking, re: being enough.
- (2) If Jesus really did die in our place, then we no longer have to prove ourselves.

We no longer have to present ourselves.

" " " Prove ourselves.

Jesus was the sufficient sacrifice for our sins, in our place, on the cross.

- (3) And if the tomb is empty, then we can be confident, we can be certain, we can be assured we are enough for God.

Because Jesus was enough for us... and that's Good News.