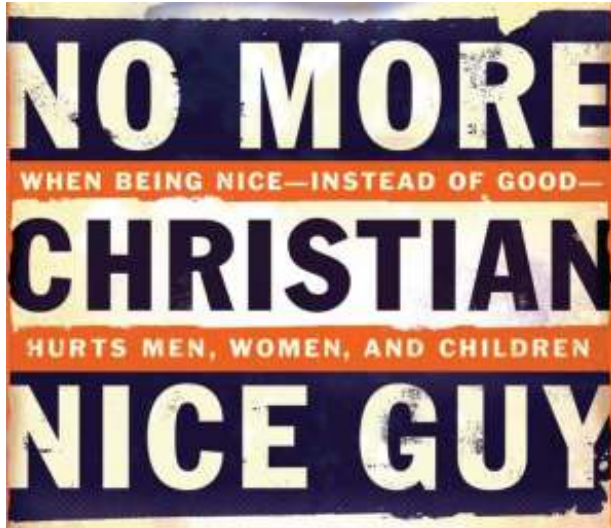


Being a Christian Means Being a Weakling

Refuting the Myths of Christianity (part 3)



Act like men
and be courageous.

1 Corinthians 16:13 Amp

No Wimping Out!

❖ False Strength IS Wimping Out

His younger advisors said: Here's what we think you should say to them:
"Compared to me, my father was weak." 1 Kings 12:10 CEV

All the riff-raff joined Jeroboam's cause and were too much for Rehoboam, Solomon's true heir. Rehoboam didn't know his way around—besides **he was a real wimp**; he couldn't stand up against them. 2 Chronicles 13:7 Msg

❖ God Expects Me to Fight Strong

God is strong, and he wants you strong. ... This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels. Ephesians 6:10-12 Msg

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; **be strong.**
1 Corinthians 16:13 NIV

Things to Be Alert For

Stay alert and be clearheaded. 1 Thessalonians 5:6 NLT

❖ Temptations to Resist

If you grow **weak when trouble comes**, your strength is very small!
Proverbs 24:10 NIRV

God didn't give us a spirit that makes us weak and fearful. **He gave us a spirit that gives us power and love.** It helps us control ourselves. 2 Timothy 1:7 NIRV

❖ Opportunities to Use

So **prepare your minds for action.** Control yourselves. 1 Peter 1:13 NIRV

Their weakness was turned to strength. They became powerful in battle. They beat back armies from other countries. Hebrews 11:34 NIRV

❖ People to Encourage

Your enthusiasm has **stirred most of them to action.** 2 Corinthians 9:2 NIV

❖ Moments to Lead

Moses ...**became** a powerful speaker and **a man of action.** Acts 7:22 NIRV

We use our **powerful God-tools** for **smashing** warped philosophies, **tearing down** barriers erected against the truth of God, fitting every loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ. Our tools are ready at hand for **clearing the ground** of every obstruction and **building** lives of obedience into maturity. 2 Corinthians 10:3 Msg

❖ Times to Pray

The prayer of a righteous man is **powerful and effective.** James 5:16 NIV

A final word:

Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

Ephesians 6:10 NLT