

“... So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh... to keep me from becoming proud.” 2 Corinthians 12:7 nlt

Has God allowed a “thorn in your flesh” to keep you from becoming proud? If so, what is it? _____

Can you start seeing it as a good thing? Something God is using to protect you?

When we begin seeing things from God’s perspective, things start to look a lot different! Remember, we are here to fulfill God’s plan, not ours!

Remember what Jesus said in verse 9, *“My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.”* (NLT)

Paul says in verse 9, *“So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.”*
In verse 10, *“for when I am weak, then I am strong”*.

Do you want the power of Christ to work through you? _____

In verse 19, Paul says, *“everything we do is to strengthen you”*.

Are you mindful to strengthen your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ? _____

Below are some of the things Paul was afraid he would find his fellow brothers and sisters doing. Do you struggle with any of these? If the ones you struggle with are not listed, list them in the space provided. Remember if you do not acknowledge them and give them to God, you will keep doing them. → **for when I am weak, then I am strong. God’s power works best in my weakness!**

_____ Quarreling	_____ Jealousy	_____ Anger	_____ Selfishness
_____ Slander	_____ Gossip	_____ Arrogance	_____ Disorderly behavior
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Give up your old sins! Repent and God will forgive you!

Prayer: _____
