

# A Piece of Paper

*But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you,  
for my power is made perfect in weakness."  
Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses,  
so that Christ's power may rest on me.  
2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)*

I watched a man and wife in the store the other day as they were checking out with the cashier. They had several items to pay for and the woman carried more things than the man to the counter.

It was easy to forgive the man burdening his wife with more things than he chose to carry because he had a cane in one of his hands. It was heartwarming to see the kindness in his wife's eyes as she helped her disabled husband.

However a gentle argument broke out between them as the man dropped a piece of paper, perhaps their shopping list. He tried to bend down to pick it up and his wife told him she would do it.

The man tried to argue with her as he struggled to bend over for the dropped paper. My heart went out

to him as his helplessness was so evident in public. It is one thing to have help from your wife when you are in the privacy of your home but quite another in front of watching eyes.

What the man did not see in that embarrassing moment was the exhibition of his wife's love for him just as he was. Yes, he was embarrassed, but his wife was not angry or frustrated at his inability to do something as simple as pick up a piece of paper. She served his need. She lovingly did for him what he could not do for himself.

Hopefully the man would some day realize that he had a wonderful wife who took seriously her wedding vows to him when she said, "...for better for worse, in sickness and in health...".

Perhaps your situation is like that of the man in the store. Consider ignoring your frustration with your

lack of ability and thank the Lord for a faithful partner who serves your needs with grace and kindness.

I do know that some people struggle in life because their spouse has given up on them when times became difficult but one thing is certain, the Lord has said, Hebrews 13:5 (NIV) "...be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'"

Even if the one closest to you has left you the Lord will love you and stay with you today, tomorrow and forever.

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