



# Scripture

**II Corinthians 12:1-10**

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# Embrace the Weak Side

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## **I. Be Genuine - Vs. 1-6**

## **II. Be Rich in Grace - Vs. 7-9a**

### **I Corinthians 15:10 -**

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

### **III. Be Content with Weakness - Vs. 9b-10**

#### **II Corinthians 1:8-9 -**

For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.

“The parting with my Wife and poor children hath often been to me in this place as the pulling of the Flesh from my bones...often brought to my mind the many hardships, miseries and wants that my poor family was like to meet with should I be taken from them, especially my poor blind child, who lay nearer my heart than all I had besides; Oh the thoughts of the hardship I thought my blind one might go under, would break my heart to pieces.”

“I never had in all my life so great an inlet into the Word of God as now [in prison]. The Scriptures that I saw nothing in before are made in this place to shine upon me. Jesus Christ also was never more real and apparent than now. Here I have seen him and felt him indeed...I have seen [such things] here that I am persuaded I shall never while in this world be able to express...Being very tender of me, [God] hath not suffered me to be molested, but would with one scripture and another strengthen me against all; insomuch that I have often said, were it lawful I could pray for greater trouble for the greater comfort's sake.”