

# REAL STRENGTH

**TEXT: ROMANS 15:1 NKJ**

## WHAT DOES A STRONG PERSON LOOK LIKE?

- Characteristics of a strong person
  1. Someone who can move things physically
  2. Someone who handles adversity/pressure without caving in
  3. Someone who will take on a difficult task/assignment
  4. Someone who is not dependent on others
  5. Someone who takes responsibility for their life/actions

## WHAT DOES A STRONG CHRISTIAN LOOK LIKE?

- Someone who reads their bible - yes/no
  1. Yes - foundational for strength (**Acts 20:32 NKJ**)
  2. No - we have to put into practice what we receive (**James 1:21-25 NKJ**)  
(**Colossians 3:17 NKJ**)
- Someone who goes to church - yes/no
  1. Yes - obedient to the scriptures (**Hebrews 10:24-25 NKJ**)
  2. Yes - in line with God's plan for His people (**Ephesians 4:11-12 NKJ**)
  3. No - because it's not just what we hear, but what we do
- Someone who looks like Jesus - yes/yes
  1. Christian means follower of Christ
  2. We are called to look like Him (**1 John 2:6 NKJ**)

## PAUL'S CHRISTLIKE LIST

- Three key areas of our lives
  1. How we treat our family in Christ
  2. How we are privately
  3. How we respond to those who oppose/hurt us
- How we treat our family in Christ (**Romans 12:9-10,13, 15-16 NKJ**)
  1. Start with love (**John 13:34-35 NKJ**) (**Matthew 7:12 NKJ**)