

# **SECURITY MEASURES**

## **Part 8: The Directive to Be Strong**

**Text: Ephesians 6:10-11 NKJV**

### **THE DIRECTIVE TO BE STRONG**

- A. Written to a church under pressure
  - 1. The early church was often persecuted
  - 2. Makes sense that when you are under pressure you listen differently
- B. The directive to be strong was not limited to this one particular church
  - 1. Paul wrote the church at Corinth (**1 Corinthians 16:13-14 NKJV**)
  - 2. Paul encouraged Timothy to be strong (**2 Timothy 2:1 NKJV**)
  - 3. Paul prayed for the believers to be strengthened (**Ephesians 3:16 NKJV**) (**Colossians 1:9-11 NKJV**)
  - 4. Has to be the will and plan of God for us to be strong

### **STRONG IN THE LORD**

- A. In the Lord is a spiritual position
  - 1. Refers to what Jesus has done for us
  - 2. The terms “in Christ” and “in Him” (**1 Corinthians 6:17 NKJV**)
- B. In the Lord is a place of great blessing and provision
  - 1. Blessed, chosen, adopted, accepted
  - 2. Redeemed (purchased), forgiven, given an inheritance
  - 3. Sealed with the Holy Spirit
- C. To be strong in the Lord...
  - 1. Have a knowledge of what has been done for us in Christ
  - 2. Believe what has been done for us in Christ (**Hebrews 11:33-34 NKJV**)
  - 3. Act on what has been done for us in Christ (**2 Corinthians 4:13 NKJV**)