

Is Adequate Enough?



I don't know about you, but some days I feel totally inadequate for the day ahead. Especially if I feel I'm running behind, or out of time. The urgency I feel to accomplish a list often has me feeling defeated before I even begin. And then as I take time with the Lord, I see His words:

***“Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves,
but our adequacy is from God,
who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant,
not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills,
but the Spirit gives life.”***

(2 Corinthians 3:5-6 nasb)

Adequate: what an interesting word. It's one of those words that conjure up different emotions depending on the circumstance. In some, I'd love to realize I'm adequate for the task. In others, I find myself wanting to be MORE than adequate. I want to be superwoman!

I looked up the word adequacy and found that it means, “qualification, competence, suitability, fitness, capability”. God tells us that we are all these things in Christ. Furthermore, He is the one that causes us to be all those things!

Feeling unqualified, incompetent, unsuitable, unfit for the task, and incapable are just distractions that should remind us we need to refocus on God, not on self (by the way, superwoman status would definitely be all about SELF). Our eyes are to be fixed on Christ, the author and perfecter of our faith!

In reality, how could we ask for anything more than to be qualified (having the qualifications, requirements and ability for a position, or task), competency (ability to do something successfully or efficiently), suitability (an appropriate fit), capability (power or ability). Look again at those definitions. Success and power to accomplish the day ahead of us is ours in Christ.

In Christ, we are given everything we need to accomplish the work He places before us (2 Peter 1:3-4). I guess for me, in the process of sorting this out I came to the conclusion that when I am discontent and feeling inadequate, it's because I've placed the priority on me and my supposed ability, or inability as the case may be, but God did not prepare works for me to walk in (Ephesians 2:10) that He also doesn't equip me to perform. Nor did He do that in your life, either.

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He has sent us a Helper, His Spirit, to provide all we need to accomplish any task He calls us to. Trust that! Believe that He is able. As we serve Him today, let us keep our eyes on Him and watch how He provides exactly what it takes to make us adequate for every good work.

Father, thank You for the reminder that You don't call us to a task that You have not already provided the adequacy to complete. Help us to walk closely with You, giving You every moment of our day. I love that the rest of the chapter, Lord, that talks about Your glory, that as we walk with You, that we are changed from glory to glory, character trait to character trait, as we become more of a representation, a likeness of Christ to others. Help us to walk in Your Spirit today, and thank You for equipping us, empowering us, and making us adequate in Your Son, in whose name I pray. Amen