



# Prayer Nuggets – Strength and Protection



**Preparation Nugget:** Listen to what 2 Thessalonians 3:3 says, "The Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one." When trouble comes your way, let this scripture rise up from your spirit and declare God's faithfulness to bring you through victorious.

**Meditation on the Word:** Faith begins where the will of God is known. Before praying, prepare yourself. Allow faith to rise up in your spirit as you meditate on the Word of God.

*"But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil {one}."*  
2Thessalonians 3:3 NAS

**Nugget of Truth:** Faith takes you

Going through a rough time? Don't know how you'll make it? Wondering how things could possibly work out? Feeling bad and ready to give up? Listen to this...*The Lord is faithful, and HE will strengthen and protect you from the evil one!*" God will move for you when you make him the Lord over your circumstances.

Paul was in prison and at his first hearing nobody even showed up. He said they deserted him! However, he comes right back with a strong statement, "*But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me!*"...

Look at the word study and meditate on the key words in our scripture: Lord, faithful, strengthen and from. When we give (it's our choice) God the power to make decisions and control of not only the situation at hand, but every aspect of our life, He is faithful. This kind of faithfulness is trustworthy and can be relied on. But what is He faithful to do? He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. If you'll get hold of this, it will change the way most of us pray. Instead of begging God to do something and crying our hearts out asking why and how these things could happen to us, we will stand secure in our confidence in Him to strengthen (to make us stable, fix, confirm your mind) and protect.

Strength and protection are to separate us from the evil one. It's like He's drawing a line and saying, "enough is enough." He takes up our cause and separates the devil from us. Notice the word study gives a picture that the devil flees or runs away. The union or coming against you is destroyed. Now, that is powerful.

Lord, Thank you for your Word that teaches me first of all to always put you first, as the Lord or owner of every area of my life. I thank you that you are faithful and that you strengthen and protect me from the evil one. Help me to trust you in every circumstance and to stand strong in the power of your strength and protection.

**Lord** = kyrios Strongs #2962

- he to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has power of deciding; master, lord
- the possessor and disposer of a thing
- the owner; one who has control of the person, the master

**faithful** = pistos Strongs #4103

- trusty, faithful
- of persons who show themselves faithful in the transaction of business, the execution of commands, or the discharge of official duties
- one who kept his plighted faith, worthy of trust
- that can be relied on

**strengthen** = st ē riz ō Strongs#4741

- to make stable, place firmly, set fast, fix
- to strengthen, make firm
- to render constant, confirm, one's mind

**from** = apo Strongs #575

- of separation
  - a) of local separation, after verbs of motion from a place i.e. of departing, of fleeing, ...
  - b) of separation of a part from the whole
  - c) of any kind of separation of one thing from another by which the union or fellowship of the two is destroyed
  - d) of a state of separation, that is of physical distance or time, temporal,

<sup>1</sup> 2 Timothy 4:17 ESV