

WEAKNESS: The Dilemma of Human Nature

NATURAL WEAKNESS: Scientists call the weakness that is at the core of all things entropy. Entropy is the principle that all things tend to disorder without an outside influence to guide them to order.

THEORETICAL WEAKNESS: It has been found that even mathematical theorems cannot be self-proving but, instead, require an outside system to explain or prove them (Kurt Gödel).

ANIMAL WEAKNESS: It is a well-known fact that animals will do things against their own life if given the chance. Following are some examples: Despite the horrendous pain it causes, horses will eat themselves to death if left in the barn with too much food. Pigs will eat their own vomit. Dogs will eat their own excrement. Despite the extreme pain it causes, black birds will gorge themselves to death on locusts.

HUMAN WEAKNESS: Weakness is the heart of human nature just as surely as strength is the heart of God's nature. Weakness is that drive in us to: laziness, procrastination, avoidance, escapism, low frustration tolerance, quitting, overindulgence, gluttony, negative compulsivity, waste, negativity, looping, death, destruction.

HUMAN STRENGTH: Human strength comes from our being made in the image of God. Hence, we are able to host and serve the good. The dilemma of human nature is that our substance is evil but our form is good. Our form, the image of God, allows us the supreme ability of hosting God. However, our substance seeks only to serve weakness. And weakness serves the twin gods of death and destruction, which are protected by darkness.

CONTROL WEAKNESS: When I try to control weakness I just make it stronger as I cannot control it. Trying to control weakness is to be controlled by weakness. The harder you try the harder you fail and fall.

CHANGE WEAKNESS: When I try to change my weakness into strength, I just increase my weakness as weakness cannot be developed or transformed into strength. Becoming and evolving are lying and covering with darkness.

SUPPRESS WEAKNESS: When I suppress my weakness, I just empower it with darkness and energy to live underground undisturbed. The denial of weakness is the power of darkness.

ALLOW WEAKNESS AND SAYING NO: When I stop resisting and just allow my weakness, then I am a slave to my weakest impulses and desires. However, at some point I must say "no" to my weakness as it can never be satisfied. For instance, if I am binging on food it does NOT matter if the pleasure is gone and my stomach is hurting, my weakness will still want more. So every time I give in to weakness, I also every time wind up saying "no." So now my sane plan is just to say "no" earlier if not at the beginning.

FORWARD WEAKNESS: Weakness runs forward as desire, lust, compulsion, and need. I can be aware of weakness as forward and perverse and learn NOT to choose to follow it.

BACKWARD WEAKNESS: When I make weakness run backwards, then I have the opportunity to have the humility I need to turn my weakness over to God. It is in returning and rest that we are saved.

WEAKNESS ON WEAKNESS: When I have weakness for or on weakness, then I engage in addictive, self-destructive, and relationship-destructive behaviors. Weakness on weakens reveals weakness for the evil that it is.

WEAKNESS TO STRENGTH: When I turn my weakness over to strength, then my weakness serves me by getting me to rely on God instead of self. Weakness that relies on God is strength.

WEAKNESS OVERCOME BY VALUES: I am NOT overcome by every problem that people have because I have values, morals, and ideals that keep me from surrendering to my weak impulses. My problems occur when I do NOT have values, morals, or ideals to keep me from serving my weak impulses.

TRY, PRETEND, OR SURRENDER: I can try to overcome my weakness and so increase it. I can pretend that I have overcome my weakness and so appear good to others but NOT to God who judges by the heart. Or, I can surrender my weakness to God: my only hope and salvation.

FACTS REGARDING MY WEAKNESS: At bottom, my nature speaks and seeks weakness. Facing self or avoiding and escaping self is the difference between following the light or following my nature of weakness hiding and working in darkness. I am NOT my weakness, but weakness is my nature. I must ask God to direct my steps and path as weakness. I must conquer myself, but I cannot—only God can. I must control my weakness, but I cannot—only God can. I must control myself, but I cannot—only God can. I must NOT identify with weakness, but I must recognize it as the desire of my nature. Only God can overcome my nature of weakness as only God is strength. To recognize weakness as self, is to serve weakness and so fail in life. Weakness backward or turned around to God is health, light, life, and love. Weakness forward or followed is disaster, darkness, death, and destruction. Weakness is my enemy when I follow or fulfill it. Weakness is my friend when I ask God to hold it still and to direct me with His nature. When I realize that weakness is the way of my self but is NOT my self, then I can turn weakness over to God. When I think I am the weakness, then I think I must serve it or lose myself.

GREEK PHILOSOPHER QUOTATIONS: "If we are willing to survey human nature as a whole, we shall find that the majority of men do not take pleasure in the food that is most wholesome, nor in the pursuits that are the most honorable, nor in the actions that are the noblest, nor in the creatures that are the most useful, but that they have tastes which are in every way contrary to their best interests, while they view those who have some regard for their duty as men of austere and laborious lives."—Isocrates "Those who, without thinking, waste good advice, soon are driven to evil acts."—Menander "Every man has his own particular weakness."—Aristophanes, *The Thesmophoriazusae* "To win over your bad self is the grandest and foremost of victories."—Plato