

# Christ Jesus the Enabler

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**1 Tim 1:12**- Christ enabled Paul and counted him faithful

(“Enabled” only appears this one time in our KJB)

**ENA'LED**, *participle passive* Supplied with sufficient power, physical, moral or legal.

**ENABLE**, *verb transitive* [Norm. enabler; en and hable, able. [See Able.](#)]

1. To make able; to supply with power, physical or moral; to furnish with sufficient power or ability. By strength a man is enabled to work. Learning and industry *enable* men to investigate the laws of nature. Fortitude enables us to bear pain without murmuring.

2. To supply with means. Wealth enables men to be charitable, or to live in luxury.

3. To furnish with legal ability or competency; to authorize. The law enables us to dispose of our property by will.

4. To furnish with competent knowledge or skill, and in general, with adequate means.

The same word is also translated “be strong, strengthen, increased in strength, be made strong”

- **Acts 9:22**- Saul increased the more in strength
  - **Rom 4:20**-Abraham was strong in faith
  - **Eph 6:10**- Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might
  - **Phil 4:13**- I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me
  - **2 Tim 2:1**- Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus
  - **2 Tim 4:17**- The Lord stood by Paul and strengthened him at Roman trial
  - **Heb 11:34**- Those of Heb 11 were out of weakness made strong and waxed valiant
- I. **Ex 31:1-11**- The people were filled with the Spirit of God in order to build His tabernacle
- A) Bezaleel = “In the shadow of God” & Aholiab = “Father’s tent”
- B) This is done in order to build the tabernacle of God
- 1) **Ex 25:8**- The purpose of the tabernacle was so that God could “dwell among them”
  - 2) **1 Cor 3:9-17**- Paul says we are also to build God’s temple where His Spirit may dwell
    - i. **Eph 2:19-22**- The Household of God is the temple in which God’s Spirit dwells today
    - ii. **Heb 3:6**- Believers are that House

- iii. **1 Pet 2:5**- Believers are a spiritual house
  - iv. **1 Pet 4:17-18**- Believers (accounted righteous) make up the House of God
    - a) **1 Tim 1:12**- Thus we see Paul was “counted faithful”
  - II. **Ezek 36:26-27**- This is the work of the New Covenant, God’s Spirit dwelling in man and causing him to walk according to God’s will
    - A) **Phil 2:12-13**- God both wills and performs in man to accomplish “His good pleasure”
      - 1) **Psa 51:17-19**- His good pleasure involved building Jerusalem
        - i. Notice those used have a broken spirit and a contrite heart
          - a) **Phil 3:4-9**- God’s “counting” (reckoning) Paul faithful results in Paul “counting” (reckoning) his own works as dung
            - 1. **2 Cor 12:9-10**- God’s strength made perfect in weakness
            - 2. **2 Cor 4:7**- Treasure in earthen vessel so glory goes to God
          - b) **1 Cor 1:26-31**- The House of God is for His glory, and therefore man’s glory can have no place there, and this is first taught us by God’s Spirit, and any self-glory we possess is to be purged now, or it will be burnt at the Judgment Seat of Christ
            - 1. **Zech 4:1-6**- Zerubbabel (who was sent to build God’s house) is shown the work is not by man’s power but by the Spirit of God
            - (a) **2 Cor 3:1-6**- Thus Paul is “made an able (enabled) minister” of the New Testament by the indwelling Spirit of God
              - (1) **1 Cor 4:7**- So Paul says “what do you have that He didn’t give you?” Then He is to get the glory
              - (2) **2 Cor 3:5**- Our sufficiency is of God
              - (3) **Rom 15:18**- Paul acknowledges it was Christ doing the work
              - (4) **1 Cor 15-10**- Paul says “not I” doing the work
              - (5) **Eph 3:20**- The power that worketh in us
- 2) **Luke 12:32**- His good pleasure to give us the KOG
- 3) **Eph 1:5**- Good pleasure of His will to the praise of His grace
- 4) **Eph 1:9-11**- Mystery of His will according to His good pleasure
- 5) **2 Thess 1:11**- Paul praying God would fulfill all the good pleasure of His will in and through the Thessalonians
- B) **Phil 2:13**- If it is God willing in the person by His Spirit, then to deny or resist that urging is to deny God
  - 1) **1 Thess 5:19**- Quench not the Spirit
    - i. **Acts 7:51**- This denial of the Spirit is not only after salvation, but also occurs when the Spirit is convicting the lost person of sin and they remain in unbelief

- a) **Isa 63:7-10**- Israel vexed the Holy Spirit
  - b) **Rom 7:7-11**- Paul say sin “wrought in him” and produced a knowledge of his unrighteousness apart from God (**Rom 3:19-20**)
  - c) **2 Cor 7:10**- Godly sorrow worketh repentance
- 2) **Eph 4:30**- Grieving the Spirit by conduct contrary to His teaching/urging
- III. **Eph 2:8-10**- We are (present tense) His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath “before ordained”
  - A) **Jer 31:31-34**- The New Covenant to supersede the Old Covenant
  - B) **Ezek 36:24-27**- The New Covenant to be the means by which God would build the house He desired, the spiritual House of God
    - 1) **Heb 13:20-21**- The New Covenant makes possible the work of God by the indwelling Spirit which both excites to “work” and then performs the “work” through those made willing
      - i. **Ezra 1:1**- Lord stirred up Cyrus’ heart in order to build Jerusalem
      - ii. **Ezra 7:27**- Lord put it in Cyrus’ heart to beautify His house
    - 2) **Deut 30:6**- The Lord to circumcise the heart and cause light to shine out in darkness
      - i. **Ezek 11:19-20**- The Lord to give new heart/spirit that men may perform His will
      - ii. **2 Cor 4:6**- The Lord causes light to shine out of darkness
  - C) **2 Cor 5:1-5**- God “hath wrought us” by the giving of the Spirit, which will cause us to let Him wrought through us, if we do not resist
    - 1) **Phil 2:12-13**- “Work out” your own salvation with fear and trembling
  - D) **2 Cor 9:8**- Since it is God that calls to His work, then it is also God that supplies all need
    - 1) **Phil 1:6**- He Which hath begun a good work in you will perform it
    - 2) **Phil 4:13**- I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me
    - 3) **1 Cor 1:5**- Being enriched by Him
    - 4) **2 Cor 9:11**- Enriched by Him in all things
    - 5) **Col 1:29**- The mighty working which worketh in us
    - 6) **1 Cor 12:1-13**- The Spirit is the power in all the differing work on the Lord’s House
    - 7) **Gal 2:8**- He that wrought in Peter wrought also in Paul
    - 8) **Eph 1:15-20**- The power that wrought in Christ will wrought in us
      - i. **Eph 2:2**- The “anti-spirit” is also at work in men, building up Satan’s house
      - ii. **Rom 8:14**- Those led by the Spirit of God are His children
      - iii. **Luke 11:5-13**- The Lord will give the Spirit to all that ask in sincerity according to His purpose
        - a) **Acts 8:9-25**- But not to those acting by their own will as Simon

- E) **Rom 6:14-17**- Supplying the need of the workers necessarily includes the daily power over sin, otherwise all saved men would be still under sin's dominion and could not serve the Lord and His purpose
- 1) **Rom 14:1-4**- God is able to make even the weak brother stand
- i. **1 Chr 29:12**- In God is power to give strength to all
  - ii. **1 Chr 25:8**- God hath power to help and to cast down
    - a) **Job 33:23-33**- God worketh in a man to deliver him
  - iii. **Job 26:12**- God smiteth through the proud
    - a) Consider the humiliation of Peter and the squashing of his pride when the Lord called him Satan, or when he tried walking on water, or denied the Lord 3 times. Yet, according to **Rom 8:28**, even these things were for Peter's own good.
    - b) Consider the example of a Marine, who goes to boot camp and must be torn down first, before he can be built up to perform the work of a Marine