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Introduction

*T*here are some things to which, as Christians, we should never yield. I do not believe that we should ever yield to Satan, for the Scripture says, “Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” Nor do I believe that we should ever yield to sin, for the sixth chapter of Romans tells us that we are not to yield our members to sin. But there are circumstances and situations that occur in our lives which are only resolved when we learn to yield.

I find this is a mark of maturity which I look for in myself and which I esteem in others: knowing how to yield. I was listening once to a young preacher whom God has greatly blessed. He’s a fine young man and God has done a great deal for him. But the whole theme of his preaching was what he could do. All of it was true and

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all of it was good. But I was sitting there saying to myself, "Brother, I'll be interested to see you come to the end of that." Because there's a place we eventually come to in the Lord where we've come to the end of what we can do. I'm not talking of what we can do merely by our carnal ability, or by education, but even in our ministry which is given us of God we come to a place, by divine appointment, where we can do no more. The trouble with many people is they've never recognised it.

What I'm sharing is the result of God's dealings with me over a number of years and I'm sure that God hasn't finished. I want to give you a number of Scriptures and then use a number of illustrations of "the grace of yielding" and its importance in the Christian life.

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The Measure of Spiritual Strength

*T*he first Scripture I want to examine in regard to our topic is Romans chapter 15, verse 1.

We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

This, I believe, is the Scriptural mark of strength. It's not how much you can do, but rather how much you can bear the weakness of others. It's very satisfying to be strong in your own ability, in your own ministry, in your own experience and to be the person with all the answers. But that really doesn't require much

spiritual strength. It does require spiritual strength to bear the weaknesses of others.

I believe that spiritual strength is measured by God and by the Scriptures in proportion to the amount that we are able to support and bear the weaknesses of other people. For me personally that has never been easy.

This is the exact opposite to the spirit of this age. The spirit of this age is, "Get what you can for yourself. Let the weak take care of themselves."

I've been meditating recently on the whole question of abortion, which to me is a most horrible, hateful evil. But if you discuss this issue with people, they'll justify it on the grounds that many unwanted children are not born into the world – maybe illegitimate children or children that are the result of problem homes or unsuitable mothers – they are never born. We just kill them off before they come out of the womb. I've learned by experience – regardless of what the Supreme Court or anybody else may say – that God classifies that as murder. This I've learned by experience, and I believe it's very clearly unfolded also in Scripture.