

2 Timothy 1:8-10 (NKJV)

8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God,
9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own **purpose and grace** which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

10 but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

2 Timothy 2:1 (NKJV)

1 You therefore, my son, **be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus**.
His own **purpose and grace**

Ephesians 1:9-12 (NKJV)

9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, **according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself**,

10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.

11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, **being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will**,

12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 1:7-8 (NKJV)

7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, **according to the riches of His grace**

8 **which He made to abound toward us** in all wisdom and prudence,

He made to abound: to shower - to provide abundantly with.

All: entire - constituting the full quantity or extent; complete.

Wisdom: (trait) - the trait of utilizing knowledge and experience with common sense and insight.

Prudence: understanding (capacity) - the capacity for rational thought or inference or discrimination.

So, when he says be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus he's saying grow in understanding and the use of it...

2 Corinthians 8:1-7 (NKJV)

1 Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia:

2 that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality.

3 For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing,

4 imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

5 And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God.

6 So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well.

7 But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you abound in this grace also.

Psalm 147:11 (NKJV)

11 The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, In those who hope in His mercy.

Ephesians 1:3-6 (NKJV)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.