

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. Acts 17:16 ESV

So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Acts 17:17 ESV

Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. Acts 17:21 ESV See to it that there is no one who takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception in accordance with human tradition, in accordance with the elementary principles of the world, rather than in accordance with Christ. For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete. Colossians 2:8-10 NASB

I have all the grace I need.

My grace is sufficient for you. - 2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV

I have all the authority I need.

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. - Acts 1:8 NIV

I have all the love I need.

So God created man in His own image... - Genesis 1:27 ESV For God so loved [you] that He gave His only Son. - John 3:16 ESV

I have all the dignity I need.

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you. - John 15:15 NIV

I have all the purpose I need.

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. - 2 Corinthians 5:20

I have all the acceptance I need.

"It is finished." - John 19.30

I have all the motivation I need.

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life. - 2 Peter 1:3 NIV

I have all the connection I need.

Because you are His sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are His child, God has made you also an heir. - Galatians 4:6-7 NIV

I have all the comfort I need.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. - 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 ESV

I have all the resistance I need.

And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. - 1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV

I have all the affirmation I need.

The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in His love He will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing. - Zephaniah 3:17 NIV

I have all the direction I need.

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. - Psalm 119:105 NIV

I have all the forgiveness I need.

"It is finished." - John 19:30

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1. Which of the various ways of being "complete" resonated with you? How can you better live out your faith in light of your already being "complete in Christ"?
- 2. Have you discovered your greatest idol tendency? Power? Approval? Control? What are the early warning signs for you that an idol is creeping into your thoughts and affections?