

Make His Calling of You Sure (2 Peter) in Edward Rangel

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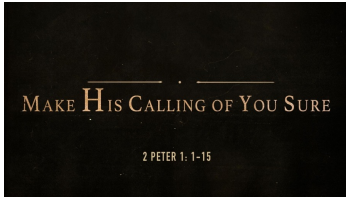
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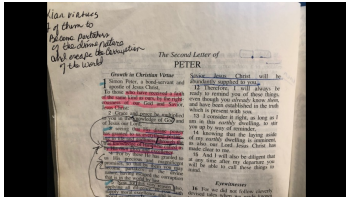
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002 Lesson 1 Make His Calling of ...



2 Peter



1 Peter is concerned with being born

2 Peter is concerned with growing up and becoming partakers of the Divine Nature to the fullest.

Keyword is Knowledge

Simon Peter



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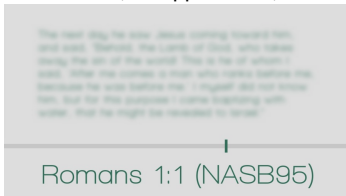
Not simply one who serves, but a slave - one whose will is completely subject to another

Peter's life has been completely given over to Christ

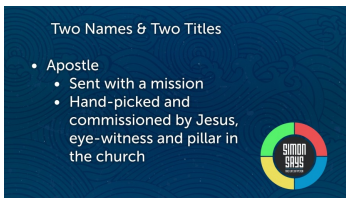
Remember that Peter's life has been one of persecution, hardship, and courage.

The same mindset should be ours, we are bond-servants of Jesus. We no longer serve ourselves, but serve Jesus.

Romans 1:1, Philippians 1:1, Jam...



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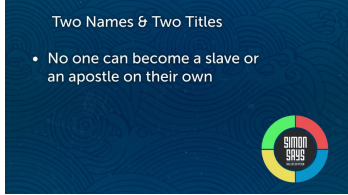


- Apostle
- Sent with a mission
- Hand-picked and commissioned by Jesus, eye-witness and pillar in the church

Matthew 16:19, 2 Peter 1:16



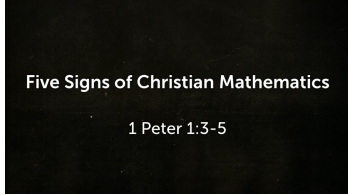
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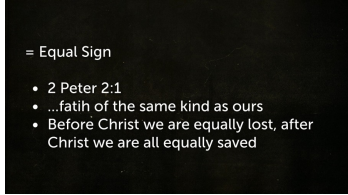
Someone needs to purchase you to be a slave

Someone needs to give you a mission

Five Signs of Christian Mathematics



Equal sign



As a Christian we are equal to everyone else who share the same faith

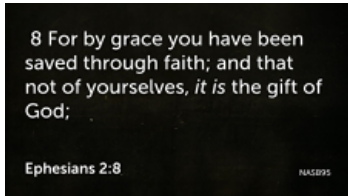
We tend to categorize and divide into groups, by gender, culture, color social status

But in Christ we are all equally sinners and in desperate need of grace

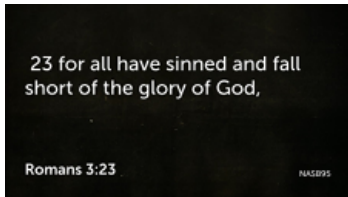
Our God and Savior Jesus Christ made us equal

Illustration of the 3 mean jumping from dock onto boat

Ephesians 2:8



Romans 3:23



X Multiplication sign

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- 2 Peter 1:2
- ...grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and Jesus
- Grace and peace were given at conversion, but it multiplied in Christ
- Difference between learning Jesus and knowing Jesus

If you think that you have found all the grace and peace that God offers, you've just begun.

Grace and peace in Christ multiplies quickly!

How are grace and peace multiplied?

Through the knowledge of Jesus. Learning Jesus is learning His word (commandments, etc.), but knowing Jesus is knowing His love, grace and peace.

The best way to know someone is to talk with them not at them (prayer), secondly, by living with them (to faith add virtue)

Live with Jesus every day, not just a couple of days a week.

"And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:7

Philippians 4:7

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Philippians 4:7

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+ Plus sign

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Model car kits: Everything included, then you had to go buy glue, some extra parts...

In Christ we have the WHOLE KIT! EVERYTHING IS INCLUDED!

1 Corinthians 12:13, Ephesians 1:...

The text says the only thing coming from the world is lust. "Because the world is full, and there is only the sin of the world. This is the only sin that will bring you to hell. The only sin that will bring you to hell is lust. But for the purpose of this teaching with you, that the light be revealed to you."

1 Corinthians 12:13 (NASB95)

/ Division sign

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- "having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust." (2 Peter 1:4)
- To divide is to cut
- We need to separate ourselves from corruption

/ Division sign

We need to cut out the corruption that in in the world.

We need to separate ourselves from the corruption and rottenness of the world.

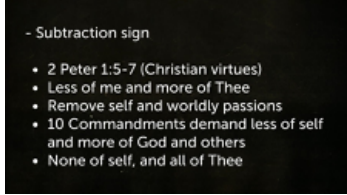
Why dowe go to the dentist every 6 months? Because decay spreads quickly, the doctor uses tools and drills to remove the affected area and uses proactive methods to stop the decay

One rotten apple....

Matthew 5:30



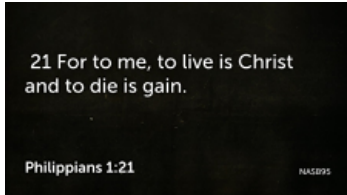
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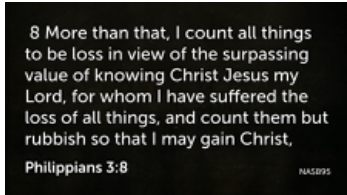
John the baptist understood this well.

I must decrease so that He may increase.

Philippians 1:21



Philippians 3:8



Make His Calling of You Sure



003 Lesson 3 Precious and Very ...



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2 Peter 1:3

3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own **glory and excellence**.



2 Peter 1:3

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God's godness and excellence

"who called us by his own glory and goodness (excellence) vs 3

- Looking back to the death, burial and resurrection
- glory = God's presence
- goodness = God's moral character
- Peter's calling (Luke 5:8-11)



who called us

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- We are called by the Gospel to transform our lives
- This power comes through knowledge - deep and personal experience, having Christian virtue



James 3:13

13 Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.



James 3:13

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Galatians 1:13

13 For you have heard of my former manner of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it;



Galatians 1:13

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Precious and Very Great Promises

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2 Peter 1:4



Two gifts Christ's power has given...

Two gifts Christ's power has given us:

- share in the divine nature
- escape the corruption that is in the world



2 Peter 1:4

4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become **partakers of the divine nature**, having **escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.**



2 Peter 1:4

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Precious and Very Great Promises

Precious and Very Great (magnificent) Promises

- Includes the 2nd Coming (2 Pet. 1:11; 3:13) - future



2 Peter 1:11

11 for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.



2 Peter 1:11

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2 Peter 3:13

13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.



2 Peter 3:13

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Ephesians 1:13

13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,




Ephesians 1:13

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Isaiah 40:31

31 Yet those who wait for the LORD
Will gain new strength; They will
mount up *with wings* like eagles,
They will run and not get tired, They
will walk and not become weary.




Isaiah 40:31

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" provide true **strength** and power to his people. The seemingly inexhaustible energy of **youths** finally reaches a limit, but God's supply knows no bounds"

Ephesians 6:10

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord
and in the strength of His might.



Ephesians 6:10


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"the Christian is not a gladiator, but as a soldier in an army. The Christian is not intended to defeat the enemy single-handedly, but as part of a united, marching army. This army is the church."

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Romans 5:1, Romans 5:15, Roma...

Romans 5:1 (NASB95)




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Galatians 5:22

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness,




Galatians 5:22

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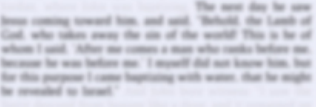
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- Wisdom (Eph. 1:17-18)



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Ephesians 1:17-18




Ephesians 1:17-18 (NASB95)

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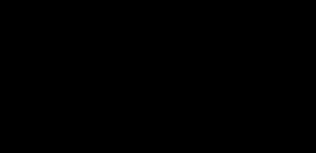
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1 Corinthians 15:21-23



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- Instruction (Psalm 32:8; John 14:26)




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John 14:26

26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

John 14:26

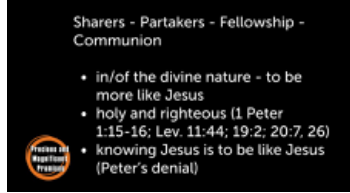


All of these are precious and magnificent promises!

We are Sharers in the Divine Nature



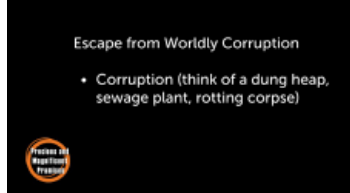
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Escape from Worldly Corruption



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Romans 8:1, 2 Corinthians 6:17-7...

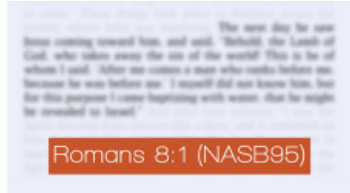


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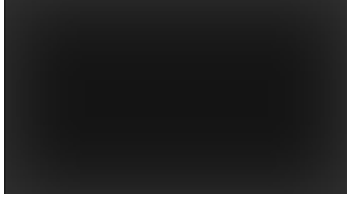


Stan is not your friend. He is our enemy. He is fully committed to destroying your soul and leading you to eternal destruction. Escape the corruption that is driven by lust!

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004 Lesson 3: Making Every Effort...

Making Every Effort

2 Peter 1:5

John 21:15–17

So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love (agape) Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love (phileo) You." He said to him, "Tend My lambs."

John 21:15–17

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Matthew 5:44

"But I say to you, love (agape) your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

Matthew 5:44

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Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love (agape) toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

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1 John 4:9

By this the love (agape) of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

1 John 4:9

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2 Peter 1:3-4

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- Jesus has provided us with:
 - divine power
 - very great and precious promises
 - Everything we need to be successful in living the Christian life

2 Peter 1:3–4

seeing that His **divine power** has granted to us **everything pertaining to life and godliness**, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

2 Peter 1:3–4

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Excel

- How strong is your motivation to excel?

Applying all diligence

For this very reason - Applying All Diligence
2 Peter 1:5

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Now for **this very reason** also, **applying all diligence (making every effort)**, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge,

2 Peter 1:5

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Diligence/Effort

Making every diligence/Making every effort

- agape love on our behalf to God is to live every day holy and closer to God

2 Peter 3:14

Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless,

2 Peter 3:14

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Philippians 2:12–13

So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;

Philippians 2:12–13

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Hebrews 6:10–12

For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.

Hebrews 6:10–12

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Why Would We Make Every Effort

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- Desire to do what is right

Romans 7:14–25

For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin.

Romans 7:14–25

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005 Lesson 4 Goodness/Virtue M...

MAKE HIS CALLING OF YOU SURE

2 PETER 1: 1-15

2 Peter

GOODNESS

2 Peter 1:5

Now for this very reason also applying (*chorēgeō-chrous*) all diligence, in your faith **supply moral excellence**, and in your moral excellence, knowledge,

2 Peter 1:5

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chorēgeō - an organized company of singers who sing in concert , one part springing out of another part, in concert

The provisions and promises given freely by Christ demand that Christians do their part to ensure they do not lose those blessings

Applying-Chorus

Since we have escaped the corruption (1:4) Applying all diligence - chorēgeō (chorus, choreograph)

chorēgeō - an organized company of singers who sing in concert , one part springing out of another part, in concert

Faith/Salvation

Initial faith (Acts 16:30-31) - Paul, Silas, jailer and his household

- Initial faith saved
- add, diligently to that faith...

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1 Peter 2:2-3, Hebrews 5:12-14, ...

The word says, He who does nothing himself has not seen the way of life. He who has seen the way of life will bring the way of life to others. This is the way of life. When the word comes to him who sees before the face of the Lord, he will bring the way of life to others. He will bring the way of life to others. He will bring the way of life to others. He will bring the way of life to others.

1 Peter 2:2-3 (NASB95)

2 Peter 1:5-7

(Christian virtues): Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your **faith** supply **moral excellence (virtue)**, and in your moral excellence, **knowledge**,

2 Peter 1:5-7

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Romans 5:3-5

And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that **tribulation** brings about **perseverance**;

Romans 5:3-5

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2 Corinthians 6:4–7

but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God, in much **endurance**, in **afflictions**, in **hardships**, in **distresses**,

2 Corinthians 6:4–7

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2 Corinthians 8:7

But just as you abound in everything, in **faith** and **utterance** and **knowledge** and in all **earnestness** and in the **love** we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also.

2 Corinthians 8:7

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Galatians 5:22–23

But the fruit of the Spirit is **love**, **joy**, **peace**, **patience**, **kindness**, **goodness**, **faithfulness**, **gentleness**, **self-control**; against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22–23

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Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is **honorable**, whatever is **right**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is of **good repute**, if there is any **excellence** and if anything **worthy of praise**, dwell on these things.

Philippians 4:8

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2 Timothy 3:10–11

Now you followed my **teaching**, **conduct**, **purpose**, **faith**, **patience**, **love**, **perseverance**,

2 Timothy 3:10–11

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Titus 2:2

Older men are to be **temperate**, **dignified**, **sensible**, **sound in faith**, in **love**, in **perseverance**.

Titus 2:2

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1 Peter 3:8

To sum up, all of you be **harmonious**, **sympathetic**, **brotherly**, **kindhearted**, and **humble** in spirit;

1 Peter 3:8

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Revelation 2:19

'I know your **deeds**, and your **love** and **faith** and **service** and **perseverance**, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first.

Revelation 2:19

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Church at Thyatira

Goodness, Moral Excellence, Virtue

Goodness, moral excellence, virtue - Live like Christ and the our light shine (Matthew 5:16)

- Apply this virtue liberally and with a zealous attitude
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How We implement Goodness in ...

**How We implement
Goodness in Our Life**

How We implement Goodness in ...

- No need for a perfect human example (be like the coach, be like the hero) - be like Christ!
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Philippians 3:13-14

Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead,

Philippians 3:13-14

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Philippians 3:13-14 - explanation

...of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus...

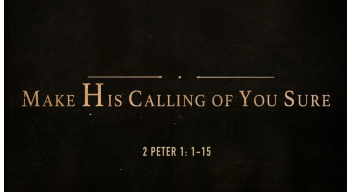
- The goal is to be more like Jesus on this earth
 - Ultimate goal is to get to heaven
 - On this earth we need to be more like Jesus, light and salt of the earth!
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1st building block to virtue! 2 Peter

**Conformed to the Image
of His Son
Ultimate Goal!**



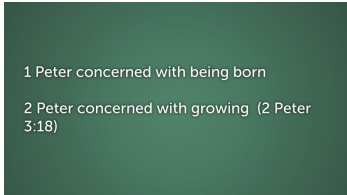
006 Lesson 5 Knowledge - Make...



Knowledge



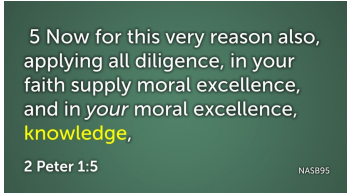
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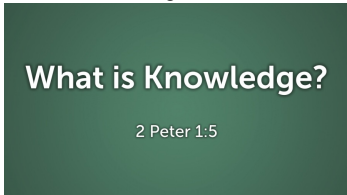
"but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity."

2 Peter 3:18

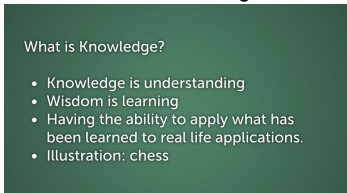
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What is Knowledge?



Define: What is Knowledge?



Green, M. (1987). *2 Peter and Jude: an introduction and commentary* (Vol. 18). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

Hebrews 5:14

14 But solid food is for the mature, who because of **practice** have their senses **trained to discern good and evil**.

Hebrews 5:14

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John 7:17

"If anyone is willing to do His will, he will **know** of the teaching, **whether (discern)** it is of God or *whether* I speak from Myself.

John 7:17

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The one with the obedient heart, with a desire to do God's will, is the one who will make a correct judgment about the validity of Jesus' message. His overall point is that the problem of the Jewish people has never been a lack of God's Word. It has been the failure to obey that Word due to disobedient and unbelieving hearts.

Bryant, B. H., & Krause, M. S. (1998). *John* (Jn 7:16–19). Joplin, MO: College Press Pub. Co.

Colossians 2:3

in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 2:3

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Christ is a treasury whence understanding derives its riches.

...it refers to the place the treasures were stored. Others may claim to find the treasure elsewhere, but "all" indicates the futility of their quest.

Ash, A. L. (1994). *Philippians, Colossians & Philemon* (Col 2:3). Joplin, MO: College Press.

Colossians 1:9–11

For this reason also, since the day we heard of *it*, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Colossians 1:9–11

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The prayer was for the brethren to be completely filled with Christ that all they would ever want to do would be to serve and be godly (virtue)

Who Has Access to Knowledge?

Who Has Access to this Knowledge?

Who Has Access to Knowledge?

Who Has Access to Knowledge?

- YOU!

2 Peter 1:3

seeing that His divine power has **granted to us** everything pertaining to **life and godliness**, through the **true knowledge** of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

2 Peter 1:3

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Gives knowledge abundantly and freely

1 Corinthians 1:5

that in **everything** you were enriched in Him, in **all speech** and **all knowledge**,

1 Corinthians 1:5

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The point Paul wants to make here is to express why he is so involved in always giving thanks to God (); it is because (ὅτι, *hoti*) they have been enriched by God in all divine knowledge and in every proclamation.

Oster, R. (1995). *1 Corinthians* (1 Co 1:5). Joplin, MO: College Press Pub. Co.

Philippians 1:8–11

For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:8–11

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How Do We Obtain Knowledge?

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- James 1:5 pray - that's for lacking not getting
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Grow UP! in Knowledge

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Growing up in knowledge depends on desire

- Some know "everything" about but very little about the Word
 - It's about passion
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John 4:34

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.

John 4:34

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John 7:17

"If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or *whether* I speak from Myself.

John 7:17

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Grow UP! in Knowledge

- Dwell on the good things of the Word and tamp down, or even eliminate whatever gets in our way

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

Philippians 4:8

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Grow UP! in Knowledge

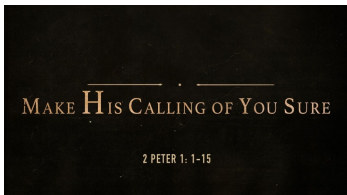
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Hebrews 5:13

007 Lesson 6 Self control - Make ...



Self Control



2 Peter 1:6

6 and in *your knowledge, self-control*, and in *your self-control*, perseverance, and in *your perseverance*, godliness,

2 Peter 1:6

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2 Peter 1:8

8 For if these *qualities* are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:8

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Introduction

- Knowledge gives us the wisdom to know and how to live a godly life
 - Self-control in one area where knowledge is applied, and this leads to freedom in Christ.
 - Peter was leading to 2:2, 10, 13, 14, 19
-

What is Self Control

What is SELF - CONTROL?

- temperance, discipline, to control oneself
 - to deny our own desires (usually desires of sin)
-

What does Self Control Accomplish?

What does Self Control Accomplish?

- spiritual success because it gives us freedom
 - ability to say "no" to sin, and "yes" to Christ
-

Luke 6:40

40 "A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.

Luke 6:40

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Matthew 16:24

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

Matthew 16:24

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Matthew 6:10

10 "Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:10

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Luke 22:42

42 saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done."

Luke 22:42

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Hebrews 5:7-8

7 In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.

Hebrews 5:7-8

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Rare Word

Term (self-control) is rare in Greek writing

- 1 Peter 1:6; Galatians 5:23; Acts 24:25

Galatians 5:23

23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:23

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Acts 24:25

25 But as he was discussing righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix became frightened and said, "Go away for the present, and when I find time I will summon you."

Acts 24:25

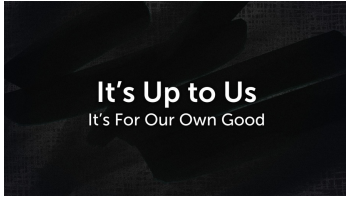
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Drusilla married at age 14 to another man.

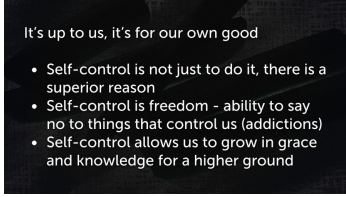
Felix used a magician to woo and convince her he could provide felicity (play on the name FELIX), and at 16 she married Felix. This was his 3rd wife. They had a son, Agrippa, who later died at the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius.

These two needed righteousness, self-control because of the judgment to come. In other words, they needed to repent and live a godly life. The same call Jesus made to His disciples and that the Holy Spirit makes to all of us.

It's Up to Us



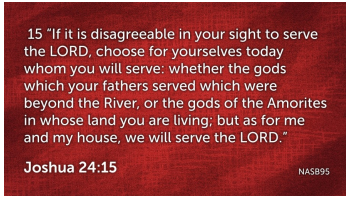
Self Control



When you think of self-control, what comes to mind?

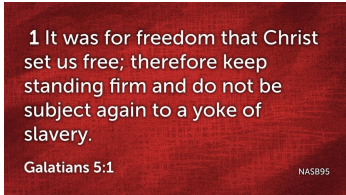
Abstain from...

Joshua 24:15



God allows us to choose the course of our life. He does not impose...

Galatians 5:1



Self-control is a benefit for us, not a hindrance

1 John 5:3



God's commandments are not burdensome, our refusal to submit to them make them burdensome. When we kick against the goads we are hurting ourselves.

Self-control teaches to depend on ...



Matthew 6:33

33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Matthew 6:33

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The imperative "seek" (ζητείτε, *zēteite*) calls for a persistent wholehearted devotion to the realization of God's reign in one's life.

Giving the kingdom our highest priority necessarily demands a commitment to a new form of righteousness

When his "kingdom and his righteousness" are given ultimate priority, the disciple can be assured that God will provide the necessities of life (i.e., food, drink, clothing).

(Chouinard, L. (1997). *Matthew* (Mt 6:33). Joplin, MO: College Press.)

Spiritual Priorities

Spiritual Priorities - Denying oneself - Discipline

- Prayer
- Bible study
- Meditations
- Stewardship
- Church attendance
- Service to others

Self Control

The Power to Say "NO"
To Ourselves

Galatians 2:20

20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."

Galatians 2:20

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Paul "no longer lives" in the sense that Christ controls his life.

He has taken up his cross; he has denied himself; and he now lives only by the permission of his King, Jesus Christ.

His new Lord not only permits him to live, but has taken up residence in him to help direct his life firsthand.

Boles, K. L. (1993). *Galatians & Ephesians* (Ga 2:20). Joplin, MO: College Press.

Self Control

...to knowledge

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SELF-CONTROL

2 Peter 1:6

008 Lesson 7 Perseverance

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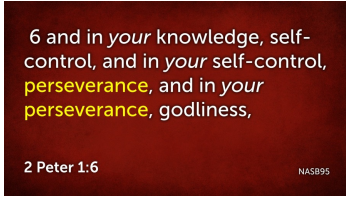
2 PETER 1: 1-15

Perseverance



Peter's pep talk to the persecuted church, tortured Christians, and those who were belittled in society. NEVER give up!

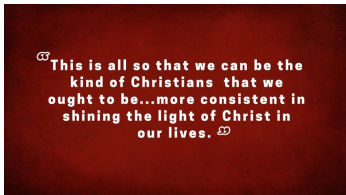
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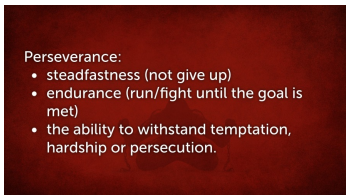
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What is Perseverance?



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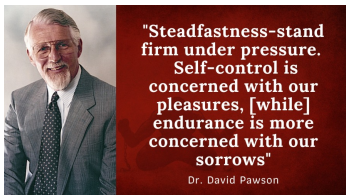


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firmness of mind or spirit : unyielding courage in the face of hardship or danger

bravery, pluck, mettle, backbone, spirit, strength of character, strength of will, moral fiber, steel, nerve, fortitude, toughness, hardiness, resolve, resolution, determination, tenacity, guts, spunk

What scriptures come to mind?

What scriptures come to mind?

- Romans 8:31 - if God is with us
- Deuteronomy 1:31 - how a father carries his child
- Joshua 1:6 - Be strong and very courageous

Mark of Faith

Perseverance
is a Mark of Faith

Mark of Faith

Perseverance is a Mark of Faith in God

- Christians too often rely on self for perseverance
- Perseverance is not personal strength but trust and hope in the Lord.

Isaiah 40:31

31 Yet those who wait for the LORD
Will gain new strength; They will
mount up *with* wings like eagles,
They will run and not get tired, They
will walk and not become weary.
(will not give up)

Isaiah 40:31

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Acts 8:3-4

3 But Saul *began* ravaging the church, entering house after house, and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.

Acts 8:3-4

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When the church witnessed Stephen's murder, that would have been enough for most of us to question our faith and ask, "Is this worth it?"

When Peter spoke of perseverance, he had seen much persecution. He had also seen how God delivered His children.

How did the church respond to Stephen's murder? They knew they had to move, flee from danger, but they saw all of this as an opportunity to fulfill their ministry. As they were running away from the danger, they were preaching Jesus along the way.

Contrast this to the Israelites who at the first sign of difficulty they wanted to go back to slavery!

Their resolve was impressive, they were consistent and determined to finish the race. (Hebrews theme)

Developing Greater Perseverance

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Greater Perseverance

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Developing Greater Perseverance

- There are things we need to do in order to grow our faith (Romans 10:17)
- Old Testament brethren (Hebrews 11:35-38)
- Read God's Word

Hebrews 11:35-38

35 Women received *back* their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection;

Hebrews 11:35-38

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Hebrews 4:12-13

12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12-13

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Lean on the church family: Develo...

Lean on the church family:

- We are on the same mission, same goal, same family
- We are the BRIDE of Christ, and He died for her and said... (Matthew 16:18ff)
- Many of us are hurting and drowning in the quick-sand. Reach out!

Bill Withers - Lean on Me

Sometimes in our lives we all have pain

We all have sorrow

But if we are wise

We know that there's always tomorrow

Lean on me, when you're not strong

And I'll be your friend

I'll help you carry on

For it won't be long

'Til I'm gonna need

Somebody to lean on

Please swallow your pride

If I have things you need to borrow

For no one can fill those of your needs

That you won't let show

You just call on me brother, when you need a hand

We all need somebody to lean on

I just might have a problem that you'll understand

We all need somebody to lean on

Ephesians 2:20–22

20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*,

Ephesians 2:20–22

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Hebrews 10:23–25

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

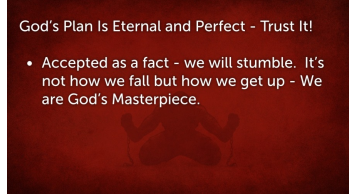
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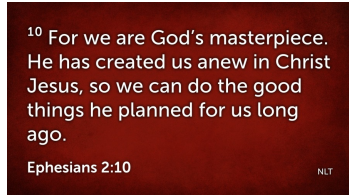
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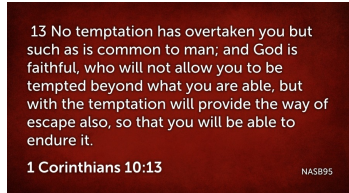
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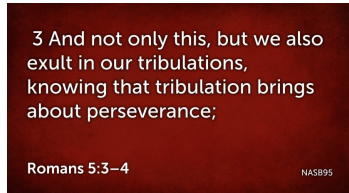
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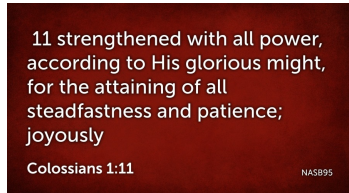
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Romans 5:3-4



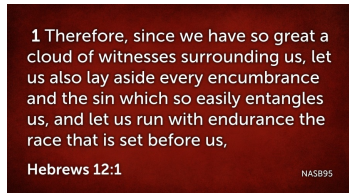
Colossians 1:11



Prayer implies divine action. Paul did not just exhort the Colossians to try harder. He assured them resources would be more than adequate for their needs.

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Hebrews 12:1



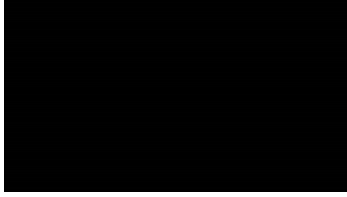
James 5:11

11 We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful.

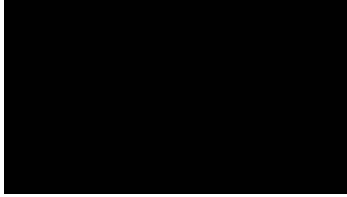
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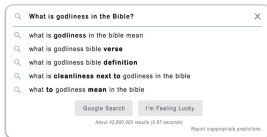
009 Godliness



Why are Christians... Google search



godliness



2 Peter 1:3

3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

2 Peter 1:3

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God has given us everything we n...

- There is no excuse for not living a godly life, for believers have already received everything that is necessary to do so.
- A life that God would approve of
- It is possible for the Christian to live a godly life

2 Peter 1:6

6 and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness,

2 Peter 1:6

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God-honoring, God-reflecting life

Godliness

God-honoring, God-reflecting life

God has given us everything we n...

- Perseverance >>> godliness
 - Reaching upwards to be "godlier" today than yesterday
 - Growth, maturity, victory
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What is godliness?

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What is godliness?

- simply to be more and more like God
- let people see God in you

Each day I'll do a golden deed

By helping those who are in need;

My life on earth is but a span

And so I'll do the best I can.

To be a child of God each day

My light must shine along the way;

I'll sing His praise while ages roll

And strive to help some troubled soul.

The only life that will endure

Is one that's kind and good and pure;

And so for God I'll take my stand

Each day I'll lend a helping hand.

I'll help someone in time of need

And journey on with rapid speed;

I'll help the sick and poor and weak

And words of kindness to them speak.

While going down life's weary road

I'll try to lift some trav'ler's load;

I'll try to turn the night to day

Make flowers bloom along the way.

Mark 12:30–31 - greatest comman...

30 AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE
LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR
HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR
SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND,
AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.'

Mark 12:30–31

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What godliness is not

What godliness is not

- demanding perfection of others
 - acting pious
 - Phariseeism
 - perfection
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Mark 7:5–9

5 The Pharisees and the scribes
*asked Him, "Why do Your disciples
not walk according to the tradition
of the elders, but eat their bread
with impure hands?"

Mark 7:5–9

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John 8:11

11 She said, "No one, Lord." And
Jesus said, "I do not condemn
you, either. Go. From now on sin
no more."

John 8:11

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Being Godly— Full of Grace and T...

Being Godly Full of Grace and Truth

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Being Godly— Full of Grace and Truth

- Never forget that you were saved by
grace through faith
- Extend the same grace towards others

Ephesians 2:8

8 For by grace you have been
saved through faith; and that
not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of
God;

Ephesians 2:8

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Matthew 7:12

12 "In everything, therefore,
treat people the same way you
want them to treat you, for this
is the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 7:12

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2 Timothy 2:1

1 You therefore, my son, be
strong in the grace that is in
Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:1

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This grace that make us strong is found squarely in Jesus Christ. Grace is not a one time gift, but continually.

How often do you need the grace of God?

How often do you extend grace to others?

Stand for the truth

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On Christ the Solid Rock

Stand for the truth

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- Godliness is humility
- Godliness is not sacrificing the truth, but taking a stand for the truth

humble, but never willing to sacrifice

our faith in order to please men. We need to know the Word and stand on it—study and meditate regularly and intentionally.

Exodus 3:14

14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Exodus 3:14

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Psalm 119:160

160 The sum of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting.

Psalm 119:160

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Being Godly— Full of Grace and T...

Every Day I Must Be

More and More Like Jesus

John 1:14

14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

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Matthew 9:36

36 Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd.

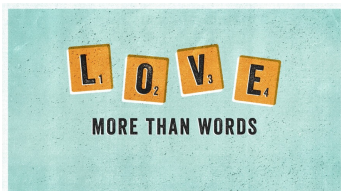
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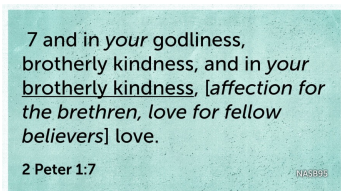
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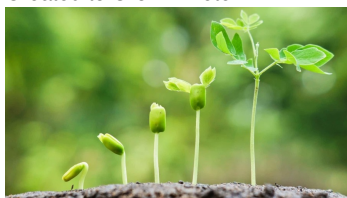
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2 Peter 1:7



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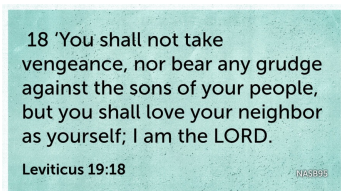


Notice the graces or virtues how they are meant to grow as we grow. As I aspire to grow and mature in the Lord I will possess these graces.

Why we want to add these

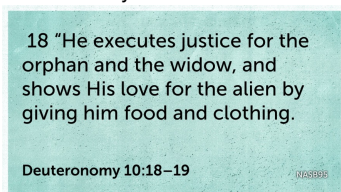
1. we have been called to glory and virtue (vs. 3); NKJV says “BY glory and virtue”
2. because of God’s promises (vs. 4
 - a. “exceeding great” (only use of this in the Bible)
 - b. “precious”
3. because of the results (vs. 8 and the end of verse 10)
4. because of the consequences of not doing this (vs. 9)

Leviticus 19:18



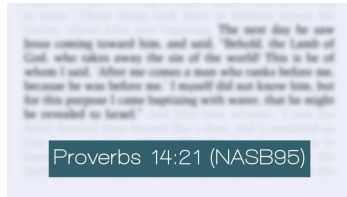
Old Testament commanded the Jews to love each other, neighbor and foreigner.

Deuteronomy 10:18–19

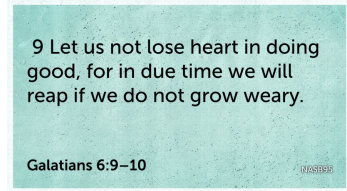


Tablets re-written and the message was to love like God loves.

Proverbs 14:21, Proverbs 14:31



Galatians 6:9–10

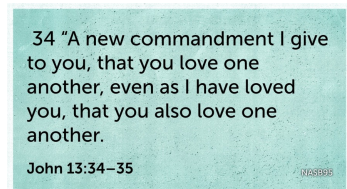


Working for or doing good for all is the basic principle in the verse.

Love others like you love yourself.

This is what set the Christians apart from the other people, even sects - that they loved and took care of each other, and also loved the enemy by providing them the other cheek, or walking two miles carrying their load.

John 13:34–35



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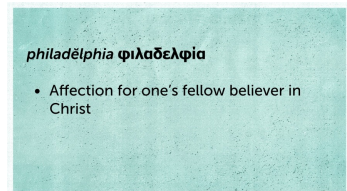
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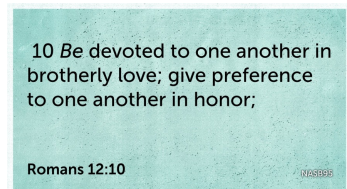
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Romans 12:10



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- Affection for one's fellow believer in Christ
- Love one another deeply as brethren (Rom. 12:10)

1 Thessalonians 4:9

9 Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for *anyone* to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;

1 Thessalonians 4:9

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Hebrews 13:1

1 Let love of the brethren continue.

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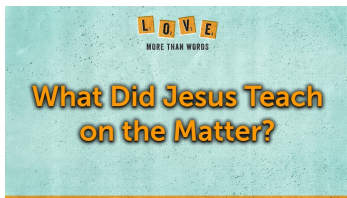
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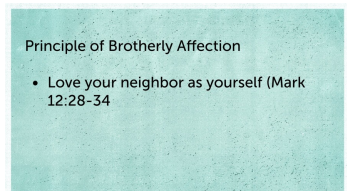
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- This type of love desires the best for others

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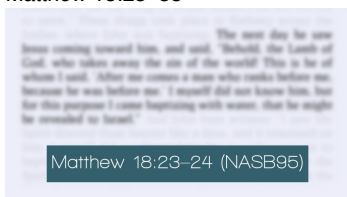
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Loving your neighbor as yourself requires purpose and dedication. Dedication to please God. (Lev. 19:18)

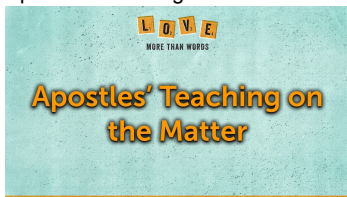
We need to follow the Lord's lead when it comes to loving people. To love is to help.. We should be willing to help those who have a need.

Matthew 18:23–35

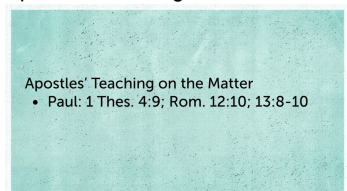


Forgive from the heart!

Apostles' Teaching on the Matter

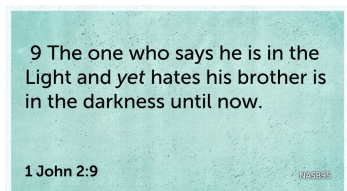


Apostles' Teaching on the Matter



Paul encourages us to learn from God how we ought to love, to the degree... Romans 13:8-10, the only thing we should owe our brethren is love.

1 John 2:9



9 The one who says he is in the Light and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now.

1 John 2:9

1 John 3:10

10 By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.

1 John 3:10

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1 John 3:18

18 Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

1 John 3:18

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1 John 4:8

8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1 John 4:8

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The expression **does not know God** makes it obligatory upon everyone who claims God to love not only him, but also his children. Jesus uses the same Greek word in when he said to those claiming to know God, "I never knew [ἐγνων, *egnōn*] you."

Here, again, John uses the language of the Gnostics in saying whoever does not love does not *know* God. There is no specific object of the love mentioned, just **whoever does not love** does not know God. The reason for this all-encompassing statement about love is **because God is love**. If God truly *is* love, then not-loving would be proof that we are ungodly, or ungodlike. This love that God *is* encompasses intelligence, intention, comprehension, and understanding...

1 John 4:20

20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.

1 John 4:20

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True love requires that it be expressed to others.

2 John 6

6 And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it.

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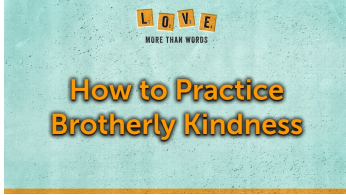
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- Paul: 1 Thes. 4:9; Rom. 12:10; 13:8-10
- John: the apostle of loved

How to Practice Brotherly Kindness



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- Give preference to others (Rom. 12:15)
- Three bears of Galatians 6
- Show compassion (James 2:14-17)
- Don't cause others to sin (Romans 14-15)

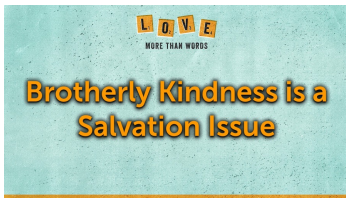
Rom 12:15 - rejoice and weep with others

Bear ye one another's burdens 6:1-2

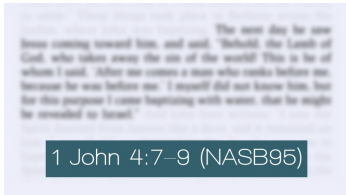
Bear your own burdens 6:3-5

Bear the marks of the Lord Jesus 6:11-18

The Heart of the Matter



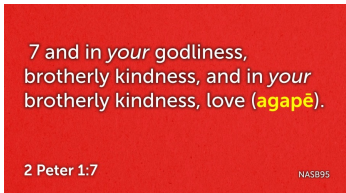
1 John 4:7-11



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2 Peter 1:7



Luke 5:4

4 When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."

Luke 5:4

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Luke 5:9–10

9 For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken;

Luke 5:9–10

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John 15:13

13 "Greater love (agapē) has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:13

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John 21:15

15 So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus *said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love (agapaō) Me more than these?" He *said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love (philēō) You." He *said to him, "Tend My lambs."

John 21:15

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John 21:16

16 He *said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love (agapaō) Me?" He *said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love (philēō) You." He *said to him, "Shepherd My sheep."

John 21:16

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John 21:17

17 He *said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love (philēō) Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love (philēō) Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love (philēō) You." Jesus *said to him, "Tend My sheep."

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The ἀγαπάω agapaō Type

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Greatest Degree
"No greater agapaō"

Highest virtue of all is LOVE!

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Colossians 3:14

14 Beyond all these things *put on love (agapē)*, which is the perfect bond of unity.

Colossians 3:14

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love binds the members of the church together so that they are led to perfect unity. Love would solve all problems of division among Christians

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- Hebrews 6:1-8 - The danger of losing it all!

Why Should We Love?

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How To Love



How To Love

agapē in Action

- Give it without expecting something in return (Matthew 25:40)

Matthew 25:40

40 "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, *even the least of them*, you did it to Me.'

Matthew 25:40

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Ephesians 4:29

29 Let no unwholesome word (foul language) proceed from your mouth, but only such a *word* as is good for edification according to the need of *the moment*, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

Ephesians 4:29

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Proverbs 15:4

4 A soothing tongue is a tree of life, But perversion in it crushes the spirit.

Proverbs 15:4

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Proverbs 18:21

21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

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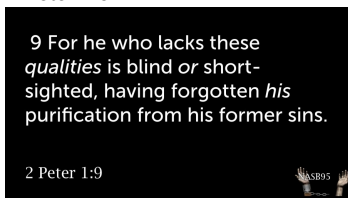
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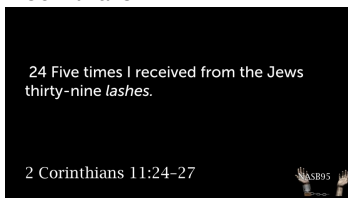
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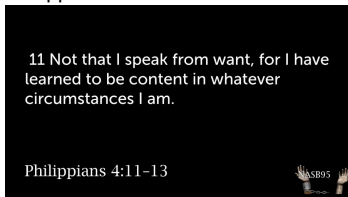
2 Peter 1:9



2 Corinthians 11:24-27



Philippians 4:11-13



Picture of a Mature



By this point in Peter's letter, he encourages that when we strive to obtain these virtues then we have become mature.

The mature Christian will always base everything on faith and complete the journey with love. (If the Lord wills I will do such and such - James 4:15)

The mature Christian will base all decisions on heaven ("Lay up treasures for yourselves in heaven..." - Matthew 6:20)

"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 3:14

We should never forget that we were saved from our sins and the damnation to hell. Peter feels the need to remind his readers of their salvation. We have been saved because we could not save ourselves. We have been saved for a greater purpose

virtues:

faith

moral excellence

knowledge

self-control

perseverance

godliness

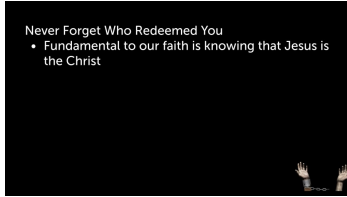
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Never Forget Who Redeemed You



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Bought with a price - 1 Corinthians 6:20 "For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body."

Co-heirs with Christ - Romans 8:17 "and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him."

Treated as 1st-born - Hebrews 12:23; "to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,"

Inheritance includes salvation - Hebrews 1:14; "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?"

Eternal life - 1 Peter 1:4; "to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, "

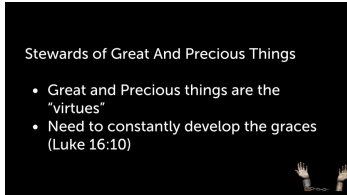
A measure of the throne of God - Revelation 3:21; "He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. "

Christians who never lose sight of heaven will always live in a way that this is passing but heaven is my eternal home!

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We should take care of our possessions - that is good stewardship

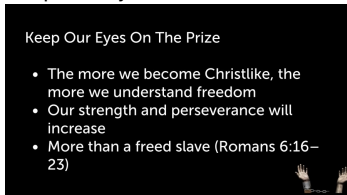
The same is true with all the Christian graces - goodness should not be obtained and then placed in a storage container. As a matter of fact, we should never have the attitude that we have mastered these graces, but is a work in progress!

The more we work on our faith, brotherly love, godliness, love, etc., the more God will entrust us with His blessings (2 Peter 1:3 -"granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness...")

Keep Our Eyes On The Prize



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Free from world, free from governments, BETTER than a freed slave, we are now sons with an inheritance in heaven with Christ!

Romans 6:16–23

16 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

Romans 6:16-23



Psalm 46:1

1 God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1



Psalm 46:10

10 "Cease *striving* and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Psalm 46:10



Make Christ Your First Defense

Go to God at the first sign of trouble, and then go again!

As a parent you pray that your children will come to you first when they are in a jam. God wants us to do the same. He wants us to always have open and honest communication with Him and, when we need help He is there to offer it!

Hebrews 10:25

25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:25



Closeness with our brethren allows us to see Christ in each other, and this is both comforting and encouraging. This is why it is imperative that we assemble together.

John 13:35

35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

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2 Corinthians 3:18

18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18



Our aim should be to be more like Jesus every day. That when we look in the mirror we can see Jesus as our reflection.

This is how we are transformed from a slave to a son/daughter of God!

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