

Life Verses

Divine Power for Godly Living: Part 2

2 Peter 1:1-11

This letter is from Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to you who share the same precious faith we have. This faith was given to you because of the justice and fairness of Jesus Christ, our God and Savior. May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord. By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires. In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone. The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

MAIN IDEAS

1. God's Role
 - a. He Calls, Saves, and Equips
2. Our Response
 - a. Seek to Know God
 - b. Seek to Reflect God
 - i. Goodness, Knowledge, Self-Control, Perseverance, Godliness, Brotherly Affection, Love for Everyone
3. The Results
 - a. You will be Effective
 - b. You will be Fruitful

Plants and children both grow because of what God does. Why then are we commanded to grow in 2 Peter 3:18?

What are some promises God has made to us?

When we grow, what is our starting point, according to 2 Peter 1:5? Why do you think we begin our growth here?

What kind of knowledge is Peter referring to? How is knowledge linked to relationship?

What does perseverance lead to in Romans 5:3-4 and James 1:2-4?

By building the qualities in 2 Peter 1:5-7, what are the results according to verses 8-11?

How can growing in these qualities protect us from false teaching? Consider 2 Peter 1:9 and 2 Peter 2:1-3.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Is growing in Jesus a priority to you? Why or why not?

Are the things you do for God rooted in your relationship with Him? If not, how can you invest in your relationship?

Consider the list Peter gives in 2 Peter 1:5-7. Where are you strong? Where are you weak?

Given that God has already fully equipped you, how can you work on your weak areas?

Meditate on either Ephesians 4:21-24 or 2 Peter 1:5-8

Thank God for equipping you to grow in goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly affection, and love.

Determine in your heart to grow in these areas by putting off the old self and putting on the new self (Ephesians 4:21-24).

REPRODUCE

How can you encourage others with God's promises?

Bless someone this week with your goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly affection, or love.

KEY VERSES

From the sermon:

- 1 Peter 1:1-11
- Colossians 2:8-10
- Ephesians 4:21-24
- 2 Thessalonians 1:11
- 2 Corinthians 1:12
- Proverbs 25:28
- James 1:2-4
- John 13:34-35
- Colossians 1:9-10
- John 15:8

Additional verses from the study:

- 2 Peter 2:1-3
- 2 Peter 3:18
- Romans 5:3-4