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Thank Pastor

I was looking on my calendar and I saw that today is Pentecost. Pentecost takes place on the 50th day (or 7 Sundays) after Easter Sunday. It commemorates the Filling of God the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and all believers and marks the start of the new dispensation called the Church Age. From this moment until the Exit Resurrection or Rapture of the Church, all believers are know as Royal Family of God.

Happy Birthday RF!

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Now

Open your bibles to 2 Peter Chapter1.

I am going to re-finish the lesson I did not finish completely last Sep. 2 Peter 1:1-11

I am going to do a quick review and then spend some time in v7 which discusses the qualities of love

Then provide an application you should have wrt these verses.

Recall 2 Peter 1 the Apostle Peter gives the 7 qualities of the spiritual life.

But before I start wanted review what I call the fundamentals of the spiritual life.

I provided a handout on this and diagram that I will use to explain 'Love" in the sp life.

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Review “The Fundamentals of the Spiritual Life” –

- Rebound -> Faith Rest Procedure
 - Promises (see categories)
- Learn God’s Essence (JR SOOO LIVE), esp. how His Love -> +R & J function
- Grace Orientation (God’s grace policy – intro)
 - To yourself (no condemnation verse)
 - To OTHERS (ref 1 Tim 2:4 – salvation & sp growth)
- Doctrinal Orientation
 - Commands, Instructions/Procedures, Promises
 - e.g.
 - CMDs – Love your neighbor ... - Mark 12:31/Lev 19:18
 - Procedures – Rebound - 1Jn 1:9; Faith Rest Procedure - Heb 4:1
 - Promises – When I fear, I will Trust in Him – Psm 56:3
- Love for God/Father – appreciate Him / Respect Him / Awe / Love (Deut 6:5-6, 10:12, 11:13; Joshua 22:5; Lk 10:27, Matt 22:37, Mk 12:28-29)

All Leading to:

- Spiritual Growth – Adolescence, SSE, Sp Adulthood, Sp Autonomy and Spiritual Maturity
- Love, Awe Respect for God (God/Father, TLJC & God/Holy Spirit)
- => Reflecting God’s Love

=> Handle situations in your life through use your sp life & be patient (as we will see this morning)

Keep this in mind as we study this morning. Ask your selves how does what I teach related to the fundamentals of the sp life.

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Let me read a semi corrected 2 Peter 1 to you, please follow along in your bibles or the handout I provided. -> letters@gbible.org

[Review 2 Peter 1:1-6 corrected translation (ish) - Handout]

- 2 Peter 1:1 Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours [**bel in JC**], by the integrity [**+R + J**] of our God [**deity**] and Savior [**humanity**], Jesus Christ:
- 2 Peter 1:2 Grace and [mental] prosperity [RMA] be multiplied to you by means of the [*epignosis*] knowledge of God[/F] and of Jesus our Lord;
- 2 Peter 1:3 [how? ->] seeing that His divine power [**God's power system - CWLiving**] has graciously been given to us [**RFG**] everything pertaining to this [natural] life [logistical grace support] and spiritual life [**PPoG**], through the epignosis knowledge [**wisdom - metabolized BD applied experientially**] of Him [TLJC] who called [**Doc of Election**] us by His own glory and virtue.
- 2 Peter 1:4 Through whom [**Trinity provided graces -> whole realm of God's spiritual provisions**] God/F has freely given to us [**dative of advantage**] His precious and magnificent 'promises' [**blessings**], through these [**blessings - metabolized and applied**] you might become partakers of the divine nature [**CWLiving**], having escaped the corruption [**OSN & cosmic system evil**] that is in the world by lust [**OSN lifestyle**].
- 2 Peter 1:5 Now for this very reason [v2-4] also, applying all diligence [**mental and physical strength**], by means of doctrine [CMD] apply [1] virtue, and to *your* virtue, [CMD] apply [2] [**gnosis**] knowledge [**the whole realm of the sp life**],
- 2 Peter 1:6 and in *your* knowledge, [CMD] apply [3] self-control [**control your OSN & your decisions**]; and in *your* self-control, [CMD] apply [4] perseverance [**patience with circumstances - hupomone**], and in *your* perseverance, [5] [CMD] live the spiritual life [?godliness? **eusebeia / CWLiving**];

Now I want to look at v1-4, then 5-6 before we study v7 in detail, where I have added a diagram to help us all understand love in this context of 1 Peter 1.

[V1...]

- Peter calls out God the Father's great plan of salvation (Jn 3:16) and specifically the work of TLJC –

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by the integrity [+R + J] of our God [deity] and Savior [humanity], Jesus Christ:

- integrity (+R & J) - 2 of the 10 characteristics that make up God's or the Trinity's essence. (JR SOOO LIVE)

I want to remind you again how the +R, J and Love of God work in your life and in the world.

Recall God cannot be mocked Gal 6:7 NASB Do not be deceived...

I am not going to deal with the vast amount of mocking God going on in our country today by both the woke culture, govt and the apostate church.

Rather I am, and Peter is, focusing on the believer.

God cannot and will not be mocked.

How so?

The operations of God/F's +R, J and Love.

What God, or you can think of it as the SCOH, What God/F's +R sees, whether 'good' or 'bad' His +R evaluates and if it pleases Him then His Justice executes what God's Love wants for the individual or entity (group of individuals, company, nation).

We can call that blessing. You follow God/F's DE - bel and unbel alike - and bels execute the sp life then G/F's +R approves.

If God/f +R evaluation is 'bad' then His Justice executes what His Love wants for those involved. Some call this DD but for the individual I like to think of it as a sting. Why sting? Just like when you got paddled as a youngster, it stung.

God wants to sting those who are disobedient or who mock Him.

For what purpose? To throw lightning bolts from heaven. NO!

God will is what. I say it every time I am up here? God's will is expressed in a short verse in the bible you should all memorize.

1 Tim 2:4 – God’s will is for mankind to be saved. And for believers to come to the knowledge of Him [TLJC].

So God’s ‘sting’ is to drive the person salvation. Recall John 3:16
God so loved the world????

And if they are a believer the sting is to get them back to the sp life, which we study at GBC.

So no lightening bolts, no crushing our enemies. A sting to drive them to Salvation or a sting to encourage them back to the spiritual life.

Its that simple.

What God/f +R sees and approves His J executes the blessing that His Love wants for you.

What God/F +R sees and disapproves His J executes the sting that His love wants to drive unbel to salvation and bel to return (or begin) the sp life.

Here integrity refers to the integrity of TLJC who willingly humbled himself to be born a human – the God-man; and lived amongst us, teaching us God/F thinking, and then when His ministry of offering the Jews the Kingdom or what we now know as the Millennium, and with the Jews rejecting their King, He was hung on the cross and died spiritually for our sins, resulting in providing for our so great salvation.

Then He was buried, was resurrected three days later and eventually ascended to Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God/F.

An of course today we, 50 days after His resurrection, we celebrate Pentecost. The start of the Church Age.

V1 ... to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours [bel in JC], by the integrity [+R + J] of our God [deity] and Savior [humanity], Jesus Christ:

- then Peter brings out the great benefit of being saved (besides going to heaven – what is called victory in life or the great advantage of the living the spiritual live – RMA in any and all situations of life on this earth (mentally and externally)

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Grace and [mental] prosperity [RMA] be multiplied to you

- Next Peter tell us how we attain a RMA

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God/F has freely given to us [dative of advantage] His precious and magnificent ‘promises’

- I put promises on quotes because these are not JUST the promises you find in the bible.
- The Greek word that is translated ‘promises’ is epáγγελμα (ep-ang'-el-mah), it focuses on the results of God's promise – so really it means a “great number and extremely valuable favours / blessings”.

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- ... and the results of using the great number of His extremely valuable blessings is ...

... that you might become partakers of the divine nature.

- What’s the Divine Nature? It is reflecting God/F thinking in your thinking and actions, aka the sp life [CWLiving]

· And a further benefit Peter tells us is.

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having escaped the corruption [OSN & cosmic system evil] that is in the world by [YOUR] lust [OSN lifestyle].

- It has a two fold effect or 'defense'
 - against our own OSN, our own negative traits and decisions
 - and against the cosmic system evil – what people, systems like gov't, work, schools, etc as well as Satan's cosmic forces do in this world that affects you.

Again this is the effect to the extent that you allow these effects to affect your life. The emphasis is on you not on those evil forces.

Recall God will not be mock and He will take care of them in His own timing. This is concerning you and your thinking and actions.

- So living the sp life using God's promises and the whole realm of BD, provides a defense or an escape over that people and circumstances can do to you.
- These are part and parcel of God's blessings, favors by using his precious and magnificent 'promises'.

[[side – whole realm of Gods graces or sp provisions: PoG: DD / PPOG / 10 PSDs, God's timeline of history, God's thinking via His Divine Essence (Love - +R -> J), ministries of G/HS, ministry of TLJC (intercession), G/F SCOH, CMDs, Procedures & Promises...

[V5-6 – First 5 qualities of the sp life]

- Peter calls out the qualities (the behaviors/attributes) of living the sp life –
- He says

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Now for this very reason also

– the results of God's provisions and you taking in BD and making an effort to Learn, Think, Motive and Act (Op Z in PMA)

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"**applying all diligence**" is the aor-act-part of the verb *pareisphero* (par-ice-fer'-o) which means to make every effort, or a constant effort.

pareisphérō ("personally carry-through") is only used in 2 Pet 1:5 referring to carrying through with real personal involvement (energy). This strongly stresses the need of the believer's deep, personal involvement in the faith-life.

[Gen 3:19; sweat of the brow – our curse ... We have to work with great energy to learn and apply God's word, BD, to our lives. Sweating for Jesus]

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Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence [mental and physical strength]

Next –

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in your faith [by means of doctrine]

- Faith or the Greek noun pistis is very familiar to us. But we need to pay attention to it. Faith has many meanings. It is both a noun and a verb and a adjective (noun modifier) and adverb (verb modifier) – and though sometimes nouns and verbs can have the same meanings, that is not true with pistis and understanding the difference is important to understanding the verse.
- Here as in all 7 of these qualities, we have nouns. Now think back to school... what is a noun?
 - o noun is a person, place or thing.
 - o In our case faith is a thing, an attribute, so here it means “What is believed”
 - o Also we have the instrumental case of en ho pistis which means “by means of your faith.”, or we say “by means of your doctrine.”

in your faith [by means of doctrine]

- . Next recall the next word sequence uses “add” in some translations and “apply” in the NASB is an aorist active imperative from the Greek verb *epi chor égeó* aor-act-imp

The aorist tense is constative. In other words, as you take in doctrine you apply or reflect in your life God’s thinking

The active voice: you - on the basis of doctrine - produce these results.

The imperative mood is a Command.

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in your faith [by means of doctrine] [CMD] apply

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· And we have the first quality of the sp life -

‘apply virtue’ -

Virtue - Knowledge of doctrine from the Filling of the Spirit, then metabolized (Thinking) when combined with a Motive (motivation to use it in your life) that produces Divine Good. It is production based upon Doctrine in the soul that is virtue in the Christian life. Virtue is doctrine in the soul. Therefore, virtue really refers to the amount of doctrine.

/ The greatest thing you can do is to take in doctrine, metabolize it and then develop a motivation to use it. This is not virtue in its narrow sense of a system of righteousness or a manifestation of character, but is a technical concept for the place of doctrine in your life.

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Next is *gnosis* – recall I said *gnosis* has a technical and a non-technical use. Technical use is the ministry of G/HS in converting *gnosis* to *epignosis* (Op Z).

Here though the text tells us that it is the non-technical use of *gnosis* – which means the whole realm of doctrine or God's entire system – the CWLiving – all the CMDs, Instruction, Promises, doctrines, PSDs, etc – God's whole economy.

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2 Peter 1:5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence [mental and physical strength], by means of doctrine [**CMD**] apply [1] virtue [all the BD you have metabolized to your life], and to your virtue, apply [2] [gnosis] knowledge [the whole realm of the sp life],

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Next in v6 we have the 3rd quality of the sp life –

Self control - Bible Doctrine produces an orderly inner life. Self-discipline is the means by which you get most out of life. It means mental concentration and it means a sense of responsibility, removal of any type of laziness that may exist in the life.

In the spiritual realm self-discipline is the basis for concentration in your daily PMA of BD.

In the physical realm self-discipline is getting the most out of the physical body. So in every area there is a place for self-discipline.

As I said this self control spills over from our sp life to our physical life – recall above:

... everything pertaining to this [natural] life [logistical grace support] and spiritual life

it spills over to your physical life – our physical body: that is eating right, exercising – you limit what God can use you to do if you are not ‘physically fit’;

recall the Boy Scout’s Oath: To keep myself physically fit and morally straight...

What are the areas of your physical life? Physical body (health, eating, exercise); a balanced lifestyle: time for studying God’s word, time for friends (maintenance of relationships); time for spouse; time for family, time for self, time for work, time for hobbies and a time for rest -- a balanced life; recall the 3 parts of your soul – body, soul and human spirit – all these must be fed, exercised and maintained in order to be useful ... in the potters hands.

This does not mean if you are ill you are defective. No, it means you have to do the best with what you have and in your current state – and if you can improve your current state, do it.

Your physical body can and does wear out – due to the OSN & ‘the curse’ but your mind and human spirit do not and should continue to increase in the grace and knowledge of our TLJC.

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2 Peter 1:6 and in your [gnosis] knowledge, [CMD] apply [3] self-control [control your OSN & your decisions];

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The 4th quality of the spiritual life - perseverance

Perseverance is the Greek word - hupomone - which is patience with circumstances.

We are to have patience, perseverance using the CWLiving toward circumstances of life – COVID, war in Ukraine, Dr. visits, the list goes on. God knows your circumstances, wait on God and His timing – patience.

As you grow in the sp life, recall you are ‘un-doing’ all the humanistic things we have been taught over our lifetimes. Since birth we are bombarded with cosmic system thinking, in the schools, news media, unbelieving and non-doctrinal parents, friends and associates – all meaning well but not reflecting God’s thinking (which is truly anti-God)

So it takes time to undo this thinking and replace it with BD.

So be patient with yourself because your OSN is in revolt – i.e. working against you.

Patience...

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And the 5th quality of the sp life in v6 bring the previous 5 together, and that is –

[5] **live the spiritual life [eusebeia]** – Your bibles might have temperance [KJV] or godliness [NKJ, NASB, NIV]. Godliness - what a great word if I lived in the 16th Century just before the KJV was written. But today it is a mystical word that has no place in Biblical Christianity. Eusebeia simply means the sp life, the CWLiving, living not only the fundamentals of the sp life but all

areas of sp life, we know them as the 10 PSDs, humility, prayer, etc.

So putting v6 all back together –

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2 Peter 1:6 and in *your* knowledge, [CMD] apply [3] self-control [control your OSN & your decisions]; and in *your* self-control, [CMD] apply [4] perseverance [patience with circumstances - hupomone], and in *your* perseverance, [5] [CMD] live the spiritual life [?godliness? eusebeia / CWLiving];

Now it is verse 7 where I wanted to begin this morning :-)

The next two qualities are even more difficult because they are so badly understood.

I am going to make some big changes here in the these 2 qualities of the sp life from your translation you have.

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The 6th quality of the sp life is the word - ***philadelphia*** (**fil-ad-el-fee'-ah**), is often translated “brotherly love.” We get this because *Philadelphia* is a simple compound word ***Philos***, the strongest word for love and ***adelphos*** meaning brother.

Sometimes, simple compound words are not simply combinations of two words. We have that case here in *philephelpia*.

The defn of

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phílos – a friend; someone *dearly* loved (prized) in a personal, intimate way; a trusted *confidant*, held dear in a close bond of personal affection.

Note: The root (*phil-*) conveys *experiential, personal* affection – you have a history with this person – you identify with their character – so [5384](#) (*phílos*) expresses *experience-based* love.

Therefore you have to have or develop a capacity for this personal affection. You might be drawn to an aspect of their character, but you must develop a capacity for you to share that aspect.

Take in the real world, you have an interest in making bread but you don't know anything about it. You meet someone who is a bread maker. You talk to this person about making bread and from that you develop a strong interest in making bread. If you pursue that interest then you develop a capacity for bread making. Likewise if you continue your conversation with the breadmaker you might develop joint interest in breadmaking and you continue your relationship – via sharing recipes, jointly making bread etc.

This is just an illustration but you can see you have an interest or attraction and you develop that interest – in this case a skill making bread – and your capacity for breadmaking increases as you pursue - in this case - your interest in making bread.

Interest or attraction → effort, grows capacity – then you share a common interest.

So back to the defn of philos love – this *experiential, personal* affection – you have a history, a common interest with this person – you identify with their character – so [5384](#) (*phílos*) expresses *experience-based* love.

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This all leads us to have capacity to love via experience with that person – experience-based love.

So developing capacity to love is required to express love.

[25 (*agapáō*) focuses on *value-driven* (God’s value or characteristics, i.e. His Divine Essence) love – which of course does not exclude affection!]

Recall we are talking about a noun and not a verb – so it is a thing (capacity) not an action.

So to have this experiential, personal affection, you have to have capacity to experience it.

So here, *philadelphia* refers to capacity for love. It does not mean just rapport, it means strong capacity for love and obviously that is based on doctrine. So this is not “brotherly love,” it is actually “capacity for love” — that we develop.

How do we as believers develop capacity to Love, or should I say
How do we develop a capacity to love like God loves? How do we get to the point of re-presenting God’s Love?

The key actually is in the next quality noun – love, which is the noun *agape*. That’s God’s love, or virtue love.

We develop this capacity for love by experiencing God's love and then appreciating and learning to love God back – reflecting God's love back to God as it were.

How do we love God? Simple. Use the resources of the sp life – recall the fundamentals of the sp life?

[^] fundamentals of the sp life

We Rebound - we are grateful that I do not have to be guilty of my sins,

I learn God's Essence (JR SOOO LIVE), esp. how His Love -> +R & J function. When God sees thinking and behavior that reflects doing a right thing in a right way, His +R approves and then His Justice executes what God's Love desires.

And the opposite, When God's +R disapproves of negative thinking and actions, His J executes what God's love desires.

Discipline, or a sting. Why sting? Because what is God's will for all mankind? 1 Tim 2:4 salvation and sp advance. So God's love wants an unbel to be driven toward listening and making a decision wrt salvation and for believers to Rebound and keep moving in the sp life. So we get a sting to remind us to think about God and his solutions and for the unbel that is salvation and for the believer that is living the spiritual life – Rebound first...

So we see this in action in our lives and we appreciate what God does (for both the 'good' and 'bad') and we love God.

Then we are F/HS to learn and apply BD. I appreciate these ministries of G/HS. I Learn (via the ministry of G/HS) **God/F's precious and magnificent promises**, and I apply them in the F/R Procedure.

As David said in Psm 56:3 When I fear I will trust in Him. Then you believe that (Faith – pistis) and you relax knowing God will provide the solutions (RMA) and when you think about this you are appreciative of G/F for giving you this promise.

You appreciate Him / Respect Him / You are in Awe of His Plan / and what He does for you.

You Learn and apply His Commands, Instructions/Procedures, Promises.

This is how you learn to love, respect and honor God. And when you start, and then more fully mature your love for God THEN you can reflect and re-present that love toward all mankind.

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Let's explore this in a diagram.

XDiagram goes hereX

So back to our two words -
philadelphia & *agape*

We first develop a capacity to love – doing this by first learning to love and appreciate God. Holding God in respect and awe for who and what He is (Essence) and what He does (our sp resources) and How He thinks e.x. (Love-+R and J)

Then we deploy this capacity to love, God's love, virtue Love to all categories of mankind – both personal and impersonal.

So verse 7 looks like this -

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2 Peter 1:7 and in living the spiritual life, [6] apply capacity to love, and in *your* love, [7] virtue love [Love God/F & then RMA love to all mankind]..

Now isn't that a different way to understand these qualities.

- 1 - Virtue, 2- Knowledge, 3- self-control [control your OSN & your decisions],
- 4 - Perseverance [patience with circumstances; 5 - live the spiritual life;
- 6 - develop a capacity to love by loving God the Father – His Plan; learn and follow His CMDs, Procedures & Promises
- 7 - virtue love [Love God/F & then RMA love to all mankind].
(diagram) – personal love for friends, family and spouse – while flipping back to IL when needed;

I have two more things to cover, the last 4 verses and then how to you apply these verse, in what Peter is trying to tell us, in our daily lives.

[V8-11 – message]

- Peter now tells us that when these qualities are evident in our lives we will never be useless in God's plan

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2 Peter 1:8 For if these seven *qualities* are yours [i.e. keep on being present] and keep on increasing [we never arrive], they render you neither useless nor unfruitful [no hopeless situations] in the epignosis knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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2 Peter 1:9 For the Believer who lacks these *qualities* is blind or short-sighted [occupied with the cosmic system], having forgotten *his* purification from his former sins [salvation by grace through faith].

- Now the great conclusion the Apostle Peter gives us -

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2 Peter 1:10 Therefore, members of RFG, [CMD**] be all the more motivated [make every effort] to make certain [a spiritual reality] about His calling [common grace] and electing [Doc of Election] you; for as long as you practice these things [the qualities of living the spiritual life], you will no not never stumble [in the spiritual life];**

... and His sentence continues in v11

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2 Peter 1:11 for in this way [making your calling and election sure, practicing the CWL] the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you [conveyance of Escrow blessings].

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Learn, Think, Motive and Act

So when you seek out a doctrinal church and pastor, when you make the effort (sweat) to Learn, Think about, develop a Motivation and Apply what you have been taught under the enabling power of G/HS via using Rebound when necessary – it enables you to

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epichorégeó (ep-ee-khor-ayg-eh'-o) – supply or apply

- 1 - Virtue, 2- Knowledge, 3- self-control [control your OSN & your decisions],
- 4 - Perseverance [patience with circumstances; 5 - live the spiritual life;
- 6 - develop a capacity to love by loving God the Father – His Plan by learning and follow His CMDs, Procedures & Promises and understanding (gnosis) the whole realm of BD (over time)
- 7 – Using your capacity to love toward all mankind (diagram) – personal love for friends, family and spouse – while flipping back to IL when needed;

And for that, you shall no not ever stumble in the CWLiving and

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**the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you**

Don't we have a great GOD!! God/Father, TLJC and God/Holy
Spirit.

You have just learned or reminded about these 7 qualities of the sp
life.

So the question now is: How do I know where I am in the sp life?
AND NO SHRINKING IN YOUR SEATS.

No Feeling bad... Recall There is no Condemnation for those in
Christ Jesus – both for advancing believers and believers in
reversionism!!

How do I know where I am in the sp life?
You need to review these 7 qualities. You need to take a self test.
Ut-oh!

I memorized these 11 verses. I review these 7 qualities with myself
in a self evaluation. I do that from time to time at night before I go
to sleep, I review them

1 – Virtue – did I do the right thing the right way these last few days. Replay my actions. How did I do?

Rebound when necessary and replay situations, How could I have handled them. Condition my mind so when I get into a similar situation in the future, maybe my thinking and actions will be different.

2- Gnosis Knowledge, - did I apply all the knowledge of BD that I have to my experiences?

3- How was my self-control [control your OSN & your decisions],

4 - Perseverance [patience with circumstances];

5 - Live the spiritual life;

6 - develop a capacity to love by loving God the Father – His Plan, learn and follow His CMDs, Procedures & Promises

7 - virtue love [RMA love to all mankind (diagram) – personal love for friends, family and spouse – while flipping back to IL when needed;

Then review the 7 qualities in ref to the sp life

(Just like we should recall and understand the armor of God and use it in our lives,... so too should we review and use Peter's 7 qualities of the sp life

Evaluate ourselves against these

Rebound if necessary, think about them and apply them to our lives.

A good time to do this is when you go to bed, think about them, review your life over the last several days, how are you doing?

(always dangerous because better comes up all the time. But I think this humanistic expression can apply to our sp lives as well.

Better is the enemy of good enough. We have to be careful with this saying because settling is not good. But rather if I did ok in a certain situation, are the areas I can do better, How I can change my thinking to produce different results.

This is key because just doing better is apt to fail? Why? Because to make lasting changes you must change your thinking.

Doing better is an endless cycle.

Changing you thinking is for a life time and results in more permanent behaviors.

Its like the adage – give a man a fish to feed his family tonight, but teach a man to fish and he can feed his family for a lifetime.

Changing you thinking is what God wants, your actions will follow.

That is what you must do. Evaluate yourself. Identify areas where you must change your thinking so the next opportunity will be done differently. Rebound when necessary and Keep Moving. Perseverance. Let God work in your thoughts and actions.

Grow Spiritual – Adolescence, SSE, Sp Adulthood, Sp Autonomy and Spiritual Maturity

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[Closing Prayer]

Every head bow and eyes closed.

You have just heard the qualities of the sp life. If you are not a believer in TLJC and these qualities appeal to you, they can be yours thought first Faith Alone in Christ Alone for Salvation – then

learning God the Father's thinking which is recorded in the bible for us to learn.

To believe in Christ you must only do what Acts 16:31 says –

Believe on the Lord JC and you shall be saved.

Just tell God the Father silently that you believe in Christ for Salvation.

Take a moment and do that.

Heavenly Father, Thank you for the opportunity together insight to your thinking and your marvelous plan where we can have a RMA and learn to think like you and then fulfill your plan for our lives.

I thank you for this Church and all that have gathered and will listen to this message. May G/HS use this message for your purposes and the edification of each believers spiritual life.

I pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior JC, under the enabling power of G/HS, Amen.

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[Tie in Memorial Day]

What a better memorial to our country than to continue to produce warriors who will fight for freedom against tyranny. Who will fight for our time honored values and for the mothers and fathers, aunts and uncles, grandparents and children of our great country. Spiritually maturing believers: adolescent or adult will produce those who can and do serve this great nation. And to follow in the foot steps of those who served and those who died for our freedoms.

Sp maturing believers are the backbone of this country. And this weekend we thanks those who served and those who gave their lives - the ultimate sacrifice..

Fallen but not forgotten.

Fall River has a war memorial park, have you gone their and thanked those men and women, whose names are etched on those memorials?

By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to the countless fallen soldiers of the Civil War, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers. Originally known as Decoration Day. It became an official federal holiday in 1971.

Some records show that one of the earliest Memorial Day commemorations was organized by a group of formerly enslaved people in Charleston, South Carolina less than a month after the

[Confederacy](#) surrendered in 1865. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day.

Waterloo—which first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—was chosen because it hosted an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

Memorial Day, now an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. All to remember and thank those who died in service to this great country.

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Memorial Day poppies appear every year and raise funds for a great cause. But what is the history behind wearing one of these red flowers?

The red poppy has been a symbol of lives lost to war since World War I (1914–1918), and Memorial Day poppies play a big part in the history of Memorial Day. The poppy is worn in many of the countries that were Allied during World War I, including Great Britain, France, Belgium, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States.

The history of the Memorial Day poppy

The poppy as a symbol of war casualties started with a poem. In the spring of 1915, a Canadian artillery unit brigade surgeon named Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae saw bright-red poppies blooming on the war-torn fields where so many soldiers had lost their lives. The sight moved him to write the famous poem “In Flanders Fields”:

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

May we never forget.