

LEVEL UP!

The Games of Life: Part 6

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*“God wants us to [level] up...[becoming] like Christ in everything.”
(Ephesians 4:15, The Mossolonian Paraphrase)*

HOW TO SURVIVE , RESCUE THE AND MAKE IT TO THE KINGDOM 2 Peter 1:3-11

1. UNDERSTAND THAT I’VE BEEN **PLACED** BY HIS GRACE.

“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.” (2 Peter 1:3, NLT)

“God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.” (Ephesians 2:8–9, NLT)

2. I HAVE TO **PLAY HARD** TO GET TO NEW LEVELS.

“In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God’s promises...So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen...” (2 Peter 1:5, 10a, NLT)

My salvation is a matter of faith.

My sanctification is more of a **FIGHT**.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7, NIV)

3. I NEED TO REDEEM PROMISE TOKENS ALONG THE WAY.

"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." (2 Peter 1:4, NLT)

He loves you.	Romans 5:8
He forgives you.	1 John 1:9
He has a plan for your life.	Jeremiah 29:11
He will guide you.	Proverbs 3:5-6
He will help you.	Philippians 4:13
He will never abandon you.	Deuteronomy 31:6

"All these promises are made to us, my dear friends. So then, let us purify ourselves from everything that makes body or soul unclean, and let us be completely holy by living in awe of God." (2 Corinthians 7:1, TEV)

4. WHEN I LEVEL UP I POWER UP MY ATTRIBUTES.

"...[Power up] 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." (2 Peter 1:5-7, Mossonian/NLT)

Attribute	Use
Moral excellence	Needed in order to be a <u>"GOOD" CHARACTER.</u>
Knowledge	Helps me escape <u>TRAPS.</u>
Self-control	Needed to avoid foolish <u>DECISIONS.</u>
Patient endurance	For overcoming <u>OBSTACLES.</u>
Godliness	Protects against <u>TEMPTATIONS.</u>
Brotherly affection	Needed to build a <u>TEAM.</u>
Love for everyone	Required to <u>"TURN"</u> evil characters.

5. THERE ARE BONUSES FOR LEVELING UP.

PRODUCTIVE

"The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 1:8, NLT)

PROTECTED

"Do these things, and you will never fall away." (2 Peter 1:10b, NLT)

PROMOTED

"Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 1:11, NLT)

6. IF I DON'T LEVEL UP THEN I'M NOT LIVING UP TO WHAT IT COST GOD TO CLEAN ME UP.

"But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins." (2 Peter 1:9, NLT)



ACTION STEP:
LEVEL UP! - RUN THE BASES
TODAY 3-6
WEDNESDAY 5:30-8:30