

Winning in this Life and the Next!

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I. We have been given all we need.

2 Peter 1:2-11 (NLT) *May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.*

Matthew 6:33 (NASB 2020) *But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you.*

Philippians 4:19 (NLT) *And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from His glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.*

1 Corinthians 2:12 (NASB 2020) *Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God.*

II. Sharing His Divine Nature

2 Peter 1:4 (NLT) *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 1:5-8 (NLT) *In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises.*

- **Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence.**
Moral excellence means the pursuit of the moral will of God in every area of life. This includes values, attitudes, priorities, goals or purposes, devotion, and Christ-like character in the home, at the office, at church, as well as in one's hobbies, and entertainment. Moral virtue is something that should characterize the Christian everywhere and in everything.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 (NASB 2020) *For this is the will of God, your sanctification;*

Sanctification: g0038. ἁγιασμός hagiastos; from 37; properly, purification, i.e. (the state) purity; concretely (by Hebraism) a purifier: — holiness, sanctification. The effect of consecration sanctification of heart and life.

1 Peter 1:15-16 (NASB 2020) *but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written: "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."*

- **and moral excellence with knowledge.**
2 Timothy 3:16 (NASB 2020) *All Scripture is inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness;*

You can't do good if you do not know what good is!

John 8:31-32 (NASB 2020) *So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly My disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

Hosea 4:6 (NASB 2020) *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.*

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

- **and knowledge with self-control.**
Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT) *But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV) *...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.*

2 Peter 1:5 (ESV) *For this very reason, make every effort...*

Romans 13:14 (ESV) *But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.*

2 Corinthians 12:9 (ESV) *But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

- **and self-control with patient endurance.**
Galatians 6:9 (NLT) So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

****Hebrews 10:36 (ESV)** For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.

Some have given up right before their breakthrough! Keep your eyes on Christ... In this world you will have trouble but fear not I have overcome the world... and this is the victory that overcomes the world our faith!!

Hebrews 10:39 (NASB 2020) But we are not among those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith for the safekeeping of the soul.

- **and patient endurance with godliness.**
1 Timothy 4:7-8 (ESV) Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

Godliness: g2150. εὐσεβεία eusebeia; from 2152; piety; specially, the gospel scheme: — godliness, holiness; respect piety towards God.

****2 Corinthians 7:1 (NASB 2020)** Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let's cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

1 John 2:1-3 (NASB 2020) My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.

- **and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.**
****Matthew 22:38-40 (NASB 2020)** This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' Upon these two commandments hang the whole Law and the Prophets."

Galatians 5:6 (NASB 2020) For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.

1 Corinthians 13:1 (NASB 2020) If I speak with the tongues of mankind and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

Matthew 24:12 (NASB 2020) And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will become cold.

John 13:35 (NASB 2020) By this all people will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another."

III. If you practice these things, you will never Stumble!

2 Peter 1:10 (NASB 2020) Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choice of you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble;