

Me, Myself, and I Give Up!
(Getting out of our own way so God can grow us)

Part 1
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1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: ² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, ³ as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. - 2 Peter 1:1-4

- **Obtained (faith)**
- **Multiplied (grace and peace)**
- **Given (all things pertaining to life and godliness)**
- **Called (to life in Christ)**
- **Escaped (corruption)**

Somehow these past tense verbs got past our own efforts. God did not need our help!

LET'S GET OUT OF THE WAY OF...

...our own arrogance

- We "received" a precious faith... by His righteousness
- He called us through knowledge of Him

...our own methods

- His power is divine and complete. All other practices fall below that standard.

...our own fears

- We can Surrender it to God first, then move in confidence; or
- We can move in frustration until we finally surrender.

HOW CAN I APPLY THIS TO MY LIFE?

- **Operate in what we have already been given;**
(Don't obsess in your desire to obtain a presumed outcome).
- **Proceed as partakers in the promise;**
(Not as laborers of a lesser reward).
- **Loosen your grip on what fades and invest your desires in what stays!**