



4 PRINCIPLES
JESUS
GAVE
SUCCESS



"I cannot imagine a better,
more cheering or more
comforting statement which to
face all uncertainties and
hazards of our life in this world
of time then that contained in
Matthew 7:7-11."

- Lloyd Jones

MATTHEW 7:7-11

7. Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: **8.** For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. **9.** Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? **10.** Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? **11.** If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?



QUESTION:

"Why does Jesus utter the promises of verses **7-11 at this point?"**

ANSWER:

Verses **1-6 reveal the inability to live the Christian life in our own strength, so we are humbled, feel helpless and **JESUS** encourages us with 4 life principles.**



1. PERSEVERENCE

LUKE 11:1-13

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” **2**. He said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. **3**. Give us each day our daily bread. **4**. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.” **5**. Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread;...

LUKE 11:1-13

6. a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ **7.** And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ **8.** I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. **9.** “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

LUKE 11:1-13

10. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

11. “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? **12.** Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? **13.** If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

LUKE 18:1-8

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. **2**. He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. **3**. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’ **4**. “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, **5**. yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack

LUKE 18:1-8

6. And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says.
7. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? **8.** I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”



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Bullseye videos 2,3,4



2. GOD IS YOUR FATHER

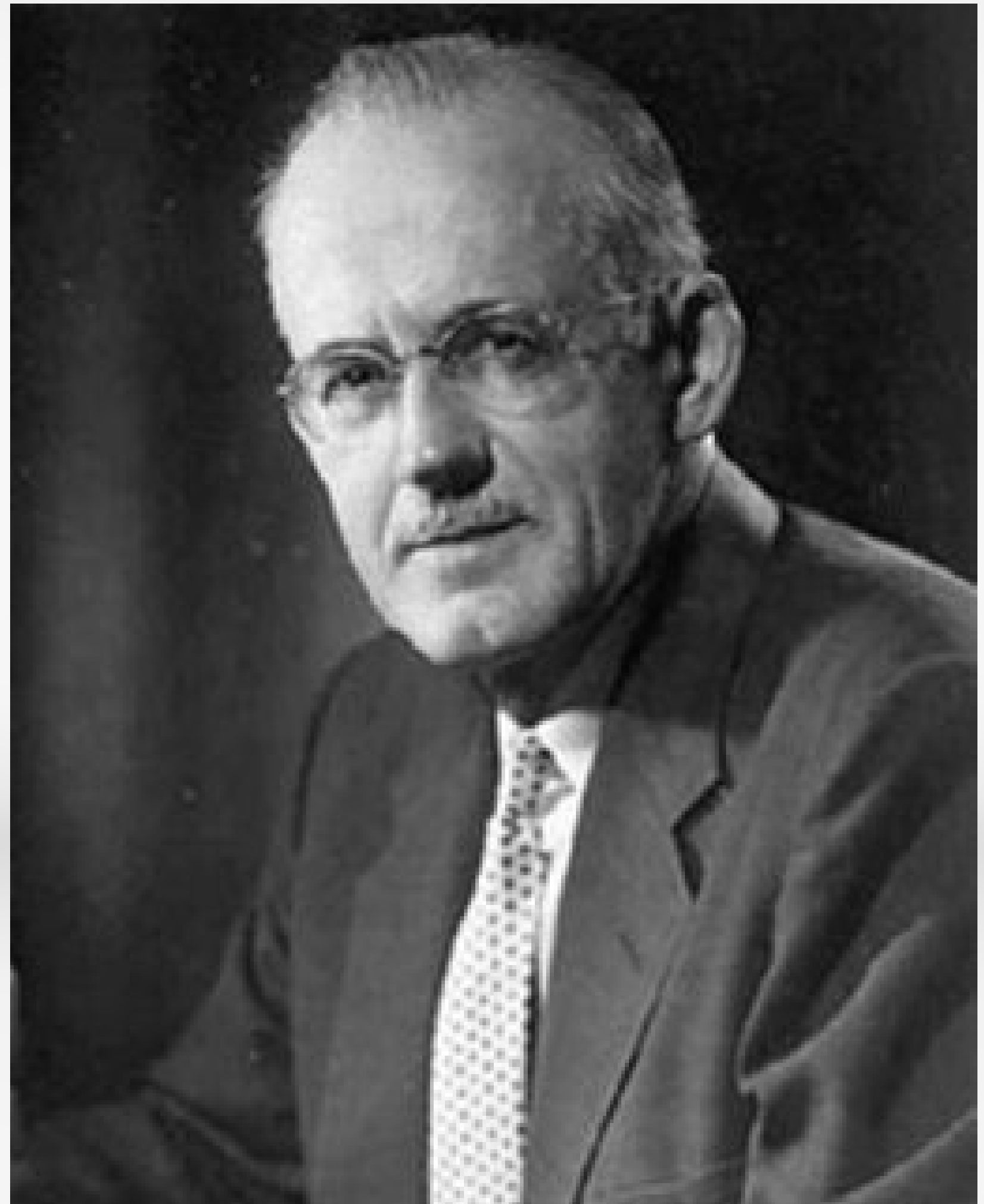
Dominant deceptions **misleading** **millions:**

- **Man is inherently good**
- **Many valid ways to God**
- **God can be a force, energy or taskmaster**
- **Universal fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man**
- **Tolerance, diversity, unity and equality must be pre-eminent as defined by secularists not Scripture**

Because God is your Father, He will never give you anything that is evil.

**"What you think about
when you think about
God is the most
important thing about
you!"**

- A.W.Tozer





"God is never more glorified in us then when we are fully satisfied in Him!"

- John Piper

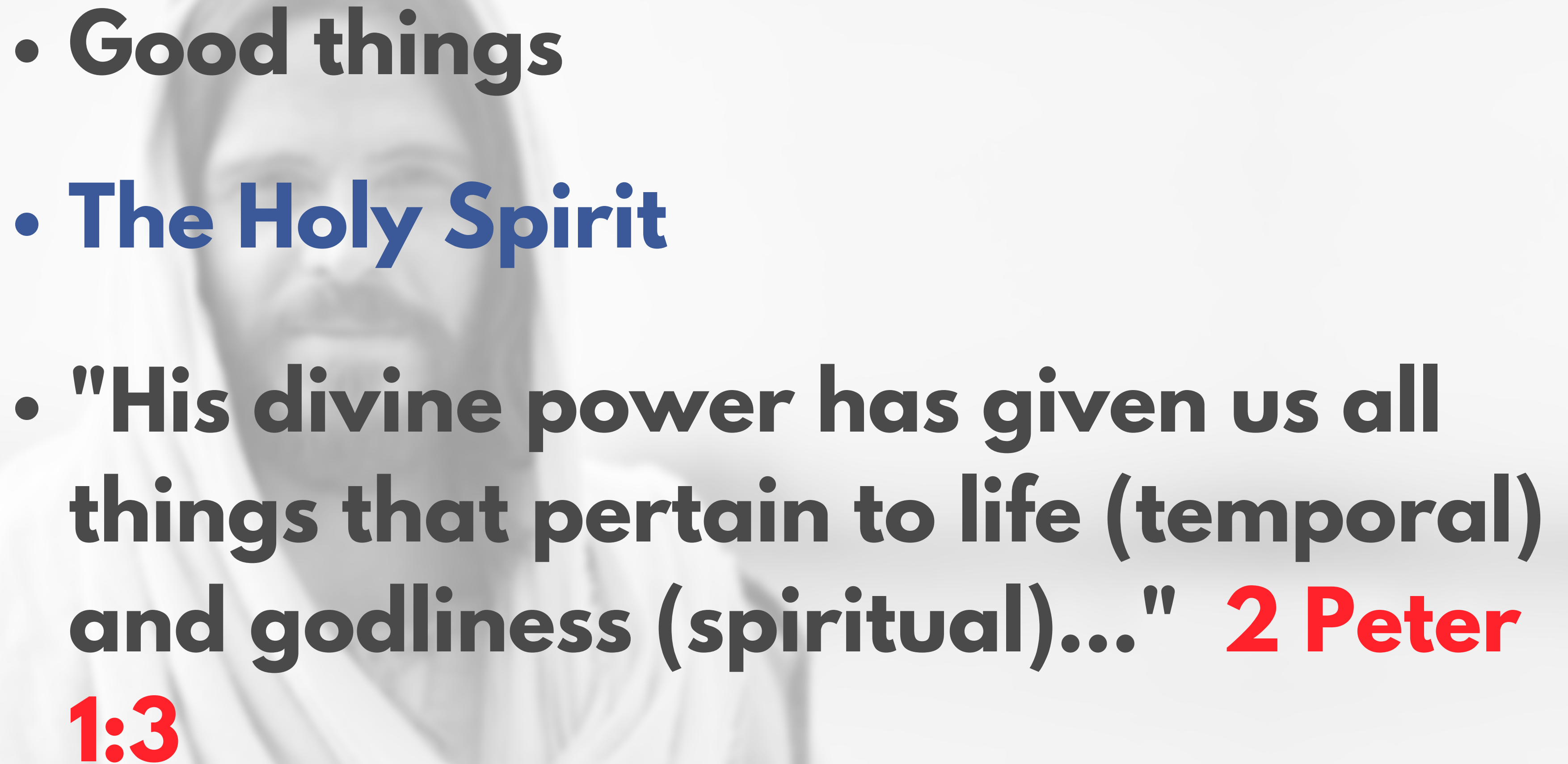


**3. YOUR HEAVENLY
FATHER DOESN'T MAKE
MISTAKES**

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- He acts to **help** not harm you!
 - He works for **your good** and **His glory!**
 - He **loves you** and looks out for **your BEST!**



**4. YOUR DIVINE
DADDY (ABBA) HAS GIFTS
FOR YOU**

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- **Good things**
 - **The Holy Spirit**
 - **"His divine power has given us all things that pertain to life (temporal) and godliness (spiritual)..."** **2 Peter**
1:3



**Understand justification
and sanctification--**

**God's amazing plan for
our success! Good things**

2 PETER 1:1-15

1. Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours: 2. Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 3. His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

2 PETER 1:1-15

4. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. **5.** For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; **6.** and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; **7.** and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

2 PETER 1:1-15

8. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9. But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins. **10.** Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, **11.** and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our...Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 PETER 1:1-15

12. So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. **13.** I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, **14.** because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. **15.** And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.