

## **Depending on the power of God**

Ephesians 1:15-23

3 Things Christians do after they are saved:

1. Grow in your faith by growing in your knowledge of God
2. Focus on your future riches and inheritance in Christ
3. Depend daily on the power of God

3 Ways we experience God's power and victory over the world, our flesh, and the devil.

1. Submit to God and His Word

"An easy, non-self-denying life will never be one of power." Hudson Taylor

2. Self Denial (Sacrifice)

It's one thing to know that self denial and sacrifice are the way to experience the power of God, it's an altogether different thing to do it.

Self denial is to renounce your allegiance to yourself and pledge it God.

"Fruit-bearing involves cross-bearing. There are not two Christs—an easygoing one for easygoing Christians, and a suffering, toiling one for exceptional believers. There is only one Christ. Are you willing to abide in Him, and thus to bear much fruit?" Hudson Taylor

3. Suffering

There is a dependence on the Lord that can only be learned through suffering.

Through suffering God grows us as individuals, brings us closer as a community, and prepares us for what's ahead.