

Growing in Salvation



Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. 1 Peter 2:2-3

The Call



“We go through life as transients on their way to eternity, made in the image of God but with that image debased, needing to be taught how to meditate, to worship, to think.”

- Donald Coggan

2 Peter 1:1-4

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. **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.**

The Way



2 Peter 1:5–7

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**.

The Spirit of the Disciplines



“Why is it that we look upon our salvation as a moment that began our religious life instead of the daily life we receive from God? We’re encouraged somehow today to remove the essence of faith from the particulars of daily human life and relocate it in special times, places, and states of mind.”

- Dallas Willard

Faith



Abandoning all trust in our own resources. Casting ourselves unreservedly on the mercy of God. Faith means laying hold on the promises of God in Christ, relying entirely on the finished work of Christ for our justification, and on the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit for our sanctification. Faith is complete reliance on God and full obedience to God.

From Faith to Love



Celebration of Discipline



“Superficially is the curse of our age. The doctrine of instant satisfaction is a primary spiritual problem. The desperate need today is not for a greater number of intelligent people, or gifted people, but for deep people.”

- Richard Foster

Goodness



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Areten: “moral excellence, virtue”

The quality of being friendly, courageous, a good citizen, and to be skilled in the art of living well.

Spiritual Disciplines: Prayer, Celebration

Knowledge



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Gnosin: “practical, useful knowledge”

Knowledge that does not come from intellectual pursuits, but instead is spiritual knowledge which comes through the Holy Spirit and is focused on the person and Word of God, which results in an intimate and personal relationship with Him.

Spiritual Disciplines: Study, Meditation

Self-Control



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Enkrateian: “to have passions under control”

A deliberate antithesis between spiritual life and carnal addictions. An imitation of the life of Christ. Choosing the way of wisdom instead of being driven by desires.

***Spiritual Disciplines: Silence, Fasting,
Guidance***

Perseverance



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Hypomenen: “staying under”

Used here to refer to constancy or steadfast endurance under adversity, without giving in or giving up.

Spiritual Discipline: Submission

Godliness



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Eusebian: “piety, man’s obligation of reverence”

Active obedience to God’s revealed will and true personal devotion. A God-honoring manner of life derived from true knowledge of God and His grace in Jesus Christ. A genuine devotion to God that will transform our relationships and behaviors in every situation.

Spiritual Discipline: Worship

Mutual Affection



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Philadelphian: “a fervent practical caring for others

A fundamental response of the heart that issues forth in practical help to those in need, especially towards fellow believers.

Spiritual Disciplines: Simplicity, Service

Love



Love



Agapen: “unconditional love”

Desiring the highest good for the one loved, which results in sacrificial action for that person's good.

It is what the use of all the Spiritual Disciplines develops

The Reward



2 Peter 1:8–11

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 if any of you do not have them, you are nearsighted and blind, and you have forgotten that you have been cleansed from your 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.**

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