

Eight Qualities for Victory Part 2

Overview: Victory in Christ is always assured as we diligently seek Him. God, through Jesus, has given us everything we need to be victorious and to maintain that victory. We are promised that if we do these eight things (2 Peter 1:5-7) we shall be fruitful for the kingdom and never, ever fall.

A. Review of 2 Peter 1:1-11

1. You shall never, ever fall.
 - a. 2Pe 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:
2. Productive and Fruitful.
 - a. 2Pe 1:8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
3. Growing in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.
 - a. 2Pe 1:2-3 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:
4. Diligently applying the Eight Qualities.
 - a. 2Pe 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;
 - b. 2Pe 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:
5. Foundation of Faith – the structure of these Eight Qualities rides on Faith – Believing God.
 - a. 2Pe 1:1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

B. Add to Your Faith, Virtue

1. Virtue (G703) *ar-et'-ay* From the same as G730; properly *manliness (valor)*, that is, *excellence* (intrinsic or attributed): - praise, virtue
Webster: VIRTUE, n. vur'tu. [L. virtus, from vireo, or its root.] The radical sense is strength, from straining, stretching, extending. This is the primary sense of L. vir, a man.
 - a. 2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:
 - b. 2Pe 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;
2. Attitudes and actions of virtue.
 - a. It is the moral force to step up like a man and do what is right (by the Word) because it is right regardless of the personal cost or benefit. It is the attitude behind radical obedience; also known as the fear of the Lord.
3. How to add virtue to faith.
 - a. Remember who first loved you.
 - 1Jn 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.
 - 2Pe 1:9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.
 - b. Lose your life for Jesus.
 - Luk 9:23-24 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. 24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it

- c. Offer yourself as a living sacrifice.
 - Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
- 4. Examples of Virtue:
 - a. Caleb – Numbers 13:30; 14:7-12.
 - b. Mark – Acts 12:25; 13:13; 15:39; 2 Tim 4:11.
 - c. Man in Starbucks

C. Add to Your Virtue, Knowledge

1. Knowledge (G1108) *gno'-sis* From [G1097](#); *knowing* (the act), that is, (by implication) *knowledge*: knowledge, science.
 - a. 2Pe 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;
2. How to add knowledge to virtue.
 - a. Pro 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.
 - b. Pro 1:29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:
3. Acquiring knowledge.
 - a. Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
 - b. Pro 2:1-6 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; 2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; 3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; 4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; 5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. 6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding
4. Turning *gnosis* into *epignosis*; or, turning head knowledge into heart knowledge.
 - a. Be a doer of the Word. Hear, Study, Speak and Do the Word.
 - Jas 1:21-22,25 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

D. Add to Your Knowledge, Temperance.

1. Temperance (G1466) *eng-krat'-i-ah* From [G1468](#); *self control* (especially *continence*): - temperance.
 - a. 2Pe 1:6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;
2. Understanding Temperance: What you **do** everyday and all day to obey the Word.
 - a. Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
3. How to add temperance to knowledge.
 - a. Col 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

4. Using Temperance.
 - a. The Word and the Spirit (knowledge) gives you a map, a vision of your destiny in Christ for which you were created to fulfill. (Eph 2:10).
 - b. Focus and Faith (words & actions) turn your vision into reality.
 - Focus to avoid distractions.
 - Distractions dilute your todays and steal your tomorrows.
 - Distractions can forfeit your destiny for todays desires (pleasure).
 - Temperance (self-control) will empower your todays and position you for your destiny.
 - c. Distractions: Thoughts, Feelings, Obstacles (roadblocks, detours, impossibilities)
 - Mar 4:18-19 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, 19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.
 - 2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;
 - Mat 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.
 - d. Attitudes of temperance (self-control).
 - Past: Php 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
 - Future: Mat 6:34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.
 - Present: Mat 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
 - e. Strategic Self Control and Tactical Self Control.
5. Example: Brandon Burlsworth