

Eight Qualities for Victory Part 3

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. Add to Your Temperance, Patience

1. Patience (G5281) hupomone: From G5278; cheerful (or hopeful) *endurance, constancy*: - enduring, patience, patient continuance (waiting).
(G5278) hupomeno: From G5259 and G3306; to *stay under (behind)*, that is, *remain*; figuratively to *undergo*, that is, *bear (trials), have fortitude, persevere*: - abide, endure, (take) patient (-ly), suffer, tarry behind.
 - a. 2Pe 1:6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;
2. Understanding patience.
 - a. Patience is waiting in confident joyful expectation for the fulfillment of the manifestation of the promise, vision and will of God.
 - Rom 2:7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:
 - Rom 8:25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.
 - Heb 12:1-3 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.
 - b. Patience is not resignation to the circumstances or submissive acceptance of any situation but a firm standing on the Word of God.
 - Eph 6:13-14 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
 - Rev 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.
3. How to add patience to temperance.
 - a. Joyful endurance while waiting for the fulfillment of the Word in our lives.
 - Col 1:11-12 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; 12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:
 - Heb 6:12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises
 - Luk 8:15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.
 - Jas 1:2-4 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.
 - Heb 10:36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

B. Add to Your Patience, Godliness

1. Godliness (G2150) *eusebeia* From G2152; *piety*; specifically the *gospel* scheme: - godliness, holiness.
(G2152) *eusebes* From G2095 and G4576; *well reverent*, that is, *pious*: - devout, godly.
 - a. 2Pe 1:6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;
2. Understanding Godliness.
 - a. Godliness is an internal moral attitude to live out the righteousness of God.
 - b. Godliness is the bridge between declared righteousness and living out that righteousness as holiness. (Rom 6:11, 16, 17, 19, 22)
 - c. Godliness is guided by respect (awe) for the Word, the Spirit, the things of God and the people of God.
 - 1Ti 2:1- 2 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.
 - 1Ti 4:7-8 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness. 8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.
 - 1Ti 6:3-6 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; 4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, 5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.
 - 1Ti 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.
3. How to add Godliness to Patience.
 - a. Godliness as an internal attitude is our interaction with the world around us. Faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance and patience can all be done internally with little interaction with the world. Godliness and the working out of godliness as holiness directly interact with the world.
 - b. Living in the place of patience, waiting in confident expectation for the manifestation of God's promises, should show itself in godly living in every aspect of our lives and with every person with whom we interface.
 - 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:

C. Reviewing the Process of the Eight Qualities

1. Faith → Virtue → Knowledge → Temperance → Patience → Godliness
2. Add each one with all diligence. (G4710) *spoude* From G4692; “speed”, that is, (by implication) *despatch, eagerness, earnestness*: - business, (earnest) care (-fulness), diligence forwardness, haste.