

## Eight Qualities for Victory

**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.

2Pe 1:3-10 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 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 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. 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. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

### Reviewing the Process of the Eight Qualities

1. Faith → Virtue → Knowledge → Temperance → Patience → Godliness → Brotherly Kindness → Love

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.

**#1 – Faith** – Foundation of Faith – the structure of these Eight Qualities rides on Faith – Believing God.

### **#2 – 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, and extending. This is the primary sense of L. vir, a man.

2Pe 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

### **#3 – Add to Your Virtue, Knowledge**

1. Knowledge (G1108) *gno'-sis* From G1097; *knowing* (the act), that is, (by implication) *knowledge*: knowledge, science.

2Pe 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

### **#4 – 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;

### **#5 – 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;

### **#6 - 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;

### **#7 – Add to Your Godliness, Brotherly Kindness.**

1. Brotherly Kindness (G5360) *philadelphia* From G5361; *fraternal affection*: - brotherly love (kindness), love of the brethren.

a. 2Pe 1:7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

## #8 – Add to Your Brotherly Kindness, Charity (Love).

1. Love/Charity (G26) *agape* From (G25) *agapao*; *love*, that is, *affection* or *benevolence*; specifically (plural) a *love feast*: - (feast of) *charity* ([-ably]), dear, love. Based on commitment and action, not emotion.

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