

New Life

Imagination:



The act or power of forming a mental image of something not present to the senses or never before wholly perceived in reality

Matthew 16:18b

“I will build my church, and the gates
of Hades will not overcome it.”

- *Jesus* -

Can you imagine what it would look like as the Church hinders, blocks and defeats the plots, plans, and attacks of the enemy?



Can you imagine what will happen as the Church breaks down the gate of hell and seizes what the enemy now holds?

2 Peter 1:8

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Apparently there are Believers that
know Jesus for salvation only and are
not advancing spiritually

Apparently there are Believers who are
ineffective, idle, unproductive and
unfruitful

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There are qualities that will stop this ineffective and unproductive crisis that is running ramped in the Church

2 Peter 1:5

For this very reason, make every
effort to add to your faith...

Faith is this Grace, Peace, Intimacy
with Jesus, Divine power, God
touching phenomenon

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We must grow

This demands diligence and effort

- A Lazy Christian does not grow
- A Casual Christian will be powerless
- An Indifferent Christian will be weak
- A Distracted Christian will be ineffective

Vs 5b-7

Faith

1. Goodness
2. Knowledge
3. Self-control
4. Perseverance
5. Godliness
6. Brotherly kindness
7. Love

Vs 8-9

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. But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.

Vs 10-11

Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:5

For this very reason, make every effort
to add to your faith goodness...

Goodness:

Goodness is not a passive behaving

Not a “just sit in the corner and
behave” command

This goodness is not a tame and
inactive thing

This goodness is a combination of
muscles and morals

This goodness is a passionate and fiery
preference of right to wrong

Goodness does not cause the Believer
to judge and look down their nose at
people

It causes the Believer to be armed
with moral power

It causes the Believer to stand and
deliver an evil defeating goodness to
the environment

Knowing what goodness is not
what arms the Believer

Adding goodness is what arms

How do I add goodness?

Joshua 23

Vs 1-2

After a long time had passed and the LORD had given Israel rest from all their enemies around them, Joshua, by then old and well advanced in years, summoned all Israel-- their elders, leaders, judges and officials-- and said to them: "I am old and well advanced in years.

Vs 3

You yourselves have seen everything
the LORD your God has done to all
these nations for your sake; it was the
LORD your God who fought for you.

Vs 4

Remember how I have allotted as an inheritance for your tribes all the land of the nations that remain-- the nations I conquered-- between the Jordan and the Great Sea in the west.

Vs 5

The LORD your God himself will drive them out of your way. He will push them out before you, and you will take possession of their land, as the LORD your God promised you.

#1

God gives victory and goodness
sides us with God

Vs 6

"Be very strong; be careful to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, without turning aside to the right or to the left.

#2

Courageous obedience to the Word
of God produces goodness

The Word of God produces goodness
and goodness sides us with God and
God gives victory

Vs 7

Do not associate with these nations that remain among you; do not invoke the names of their gods or swear by them. You must not serve them or bow down to them.

#3

The world's ways will not produce
this level of goodness

Vs 8

But you are to hold fast to the
LORD your God, as you have until
now.

#4

It will not be easy

Vs 9-10

"The LORD has driven out before you great and powerful nations; to this day no one has been able to withstand you.

One of you routs a thousand, because the LORD your God fights for you, just as He promised.

Vs 11

So be very careful to love the
LORD your God.

#5

Goodness is not added by keeping
the rules it is added through a
relationship with God