

"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 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. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall NEVER fall. 2 Peter 1:5-10 KJV



Virtue is the infectious power of God's Word!

When the ailing woman touched just the hem of Christ's garment, she was healed instantly of a life-long malady! *"Jesus said, 'Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me.'*" Jesus was, is, and shall ever be very God! His power is so great, even His garments heal! The defining attribute of God is Holiness. There are four Seraphims in Heaven whose only purpose is to attend the Throne of God who *"rest not day and night, saying, 'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.'*" His Holiness is purity defined! All God does is based on eternally infinite Holy Purity! He is *"angry with the wicked every day"* for their evil accosts His virtue. His Wrath and Judgment are justified by His Holiness and virtue! He desires believers to emulate and cultivate HIS Holiness. *"Be ye therefore, Holy, for I am Holy."* It is the automatic obedience of the child to Father who lets *"the Word of Christ dwell in [them] richly in all wisdom."* God *"dwells IN you"* by virtue of His Word in your mind and thoughts. We think what we know and knowledge begins with *"the fear of the Lord"*; gained by reading, studying, and listening to the Interpreter and Guide who leads into ALL Truth: *"The Spirit of Truth...will guide you into ALL TRUTH...He will shew you things to come."* Temperance is letting *"your moderation (restraint of violent passions or indulgence of appetite; calmness of mind) be known unto all men."* Patience is the quiet trust that waits for the inevitable fulfillment of a trusted promise; based on sure knowledge. *"If we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. These things have I written unto YOU THAT BELIEVE on the name of the Son of God; that ye may KNOW that ye have Eternal Life."* Godliness is the lifestyle that matches the Gospel of Jesus Christ. *"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the Glory of God."* Brotherly kindness is more than just kindness. It carries with it a certain familial responsibility. We help family whether we are particularly fond of them or not. *"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another."* Charity is the actions of Love. *"Charity suffereth long...is kind...envieth not...vaunteth not itself...is not puffed up...doth not behave itself unseemly...seeketh not her own...is not easily provoked...thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth...in the Truth...beareth all things...endureth all things."* Jesus, our example, said, *"Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, IF YE DO whatsoever I command you."* The seven pillars of our faith, if properly constructed through faithful obedience, will assure *"good success."* We may get some smashed thumbs and bloody knuckles during construction, but a little injury and pain never stop a good builder. *"Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the Day of Jesus Christ."* Volumes could be written on this subject!

The pillars of our gift of faith.

Must all stand firm to bear the weight,
Of earthly woes and trials great,
While we with quiet patience wait. ~CGP

These are the seven pillars of faith. They cannot rest on and in your own will and strength, but in and on the mighty Word of God, Jesus Christ: *“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of HIS good pleasure! Keep (protect) thy heart (mind/thoughts) with ALL DILIGENCE, for out of it are the issues of Life!”* Your thoughts control your emotions, words, and deeds! *“Thy Word have I hidden in my heart (thoughts) that I might not sin against Thee.”* Are your thoughts Holy?

“For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 3:11 KJV

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