

## Adding to our Faith 2018 (12/31/17)

Text: (2 Pet 1:1-9)

Christmas Clean Out!

### What changes are you hoping 2018 will bring?

*Are their things you are hoping to get rid of in 2018?*

Belly Fat, Credit Card Debt, Dog/Cat?

Clean out the junk in the garage, extra bedroom,

A pesky '20something' living in your basement?

### *What are you hoping to Finish in 2018?*

College Degree, Home remodeling project?

### *What are you hoping to Add to your life in 2018?*

Exercise regiment? Diet?

A Hobby? Painting, Reading a book series,

Learn a musical instrument?

A New Car/Truck.

### *What are your Spiritual Goals for 2018?*

Read through the entire bible? 3 Chapters a Day.

Daily Devotional? Through the Bible (ABA)

YouVersion Bible App Devo

Memorize Scripture: Pick 5 a week, 3times a day.

Win a friend to Christ:

Pray for them daily.

Ask God to Draw them daily.

Ask God to prepare them for it.

Ask God for witness opportunities

### *Did you know that God has Goals for you too?*

God has things He wants us to add to our lives.

**(2 Peter 1:1) Simon Peter**, The Fisherman

*a servant* Even if I wasn't 1 of 12, I would still serve

*and an apostle* (Sent One) Commissioned expressly

*of Jesus Christ*, His Source of Authority

*to them that have obtained like precious faith with*

*us* Peter was the 1st of the Apostles to work with both

Jew & Gentile

*through the righteousness of God and our Saviour*

*Jesus Christ:*

(Rom 3:22) No his own righteousness, but God's

righteousness: (Jesus sinless life & Substitutionary

death credited to his account)

**(2 Peter 1:2) Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,**

It is Increasing in the knowledge of the Lord that brings greater Grace & Peace.

It is Increasing in the knowledge of the Lord that brings Fruitfulness in our lives.

(Col 1:10) *That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;*

It is Increasing in the knowledge of the Lord that brings **His Divine Power** for all things we need to live a Life of Godliness.

**(2 Pet 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:*

God has fully equipped us to live His life through us.

**(2 Pet 1:4)** *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these (Promises) ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

**(2 Peter 1:5)** *And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;*

This was written to saved people  
*Vs 5 starts the list of God's Goals for you in 2018  
& They are in a divine order.*

These are the building blocks to the child of God.

**"All Diligence" vs. Slothfulness**

*Picturing each tasks as a special assignment from the Lord and using all my energies to accomplish it.*

**(Col 3:23)** *And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;*

**1st Add Faith vs Presumption**

My Confidence level in God knowing what's best, wanting what's best, & going to do what's best for me  
(Heb 11:1,6) Faith First, otherwise you are a Poser!

**2nd Add Virtue vs Impurity**

**(Vs 5) Add to your faith Virtue**

The Moral Excellence and purity of spirit that radiate from my life as I obey God's Word

Inner strength, rightness; inner honor, inner Integrity  
*I may not know all that RIGHT is, but when I learn what RIGHT is, I am committing to do it!*

All Christians are commanded to be Virtuous people.  
Voluntary obedience to truth.

**Divine Order:** There is no Virtue w/o Faith!

**3rd Add Knowledge vs. Ignorance**

**(Vs 5) and to virtue knowledge;**

**Knowledge:** a close, intimacy

God wants us to know Him intimately.

Desiring Knowledge says: *"I just want you, God."*

**(Phil 3:10)** *That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;*

**Divine Order:** There is no point to knowledge w/o Virtue to use it properly.

Knowledge Puffs Up (1 Cor 1:8)

**(1 Jn 2:3-4)** *And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.*

Knowledge w/o the Virtue to live right, is all for show

**(2 Pet 1:6) *And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;***

#### ***4th Add Temperance vs Self-Indulgence***

***Temper***~To form to a proper degree of hardness; as, to temper iron or steel.

***Temperance***~Restraint/Moderation, in regard to the indulgence of the natural appetites and passions;

Instant Obedience to the initial prompting of the Holy Spirit.

***Self Control:*** "Stop It!" - The world is full of opportunities to test your temperance.

The devil will make sure your path crosses these opportunities when you least expect it.

Kids are God's little spies.

They are watching and they will see you lose control.

***Divine Order:*** Knowledge w/o Self Control is Dangerous.

(Gal 5:24-25) *And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

#### ***5th Add Patience vs Restlessness***

**(2 Pet 1:6) *and to temperance patience***

Accepting a difficult situation from God without giving Him a deadline to remove it.

(Rom 5:3-4) *And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:*

Patience is letting God do what He wants, when He wants, for as long as He wants.

The Problem is: We want life on our schedule.

The world is full of people that will test your Patience.

The devil will make sure these people will cross your path when you least expect it.

Kids are usually the recipient of our ImPatience.

They are watching and they will see you Patience.

#### ***6th Add Godliness vs Worldliness***

**(2 Pet 1:6) *and to patience godliness;***

Christ-like-ness

Personal Godliness

A careful observance of the laws of God & performance of religious duties, proceeding from heart of love and spirit of reverence for the divine character & commands; christian obedience.

(1 Tim 4:8) *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.*

(2 Peter 1:7) *And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.*

**7th Add Brotherly Kindness vs Indifference, Intolerance, Selfishness**

Brotherly - close, kinship

Kindness~ Mixture of Compassion/Generosity

Compassion~ Investing whatever is necessary to heal the hurts of others.

Generosity~ *The disposition which delights in contributing to the happiness of others, which is exercised cheerfully in gratifying their wishes, supplying their wants or alleviating their distresses*

**Divine Order:** Brotherly Kindness, empowered by Godliness is World Changing.

**8th Add Charity (Selfless Love) vs Selfishness**

(2 Pet 1:7) *and to brotherly kindness charity.*

Giving to other's basic needs w/o having a motive of personal reward.

Love that motivates me to act.

Love without pretenses.

Loving the Unlovely.

Add all these with Diligence. (Vs 5)

(2 Peter 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.*

**IF / THEN:** The Choice is Ours

**Abound:** Rule & Manner of Life

**Make you:** The Results are unavoidable

(2 Peter 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.*

**BUT** - God will not force you, the choice is yours.

**Lacketh** - No evident because of your choices.

**Blind**- we are doing are best but we are blind.

The reason we chose not to is, we are blinded to the truth by our own selfishness & Sinfulness.