

THE SECOND EPISTLE GENERAL OF PETER

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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.

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(a) We must not only believe, but also behave, 1:5a “**And beside this**, giving all diligence, **add to your faith** virtue...”

“And beside this...”

2 Pet. 1:4 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.**

“...giving all diligence...”

spoudḗ (from *speúdo*, "move quickly, speed on") – **properly, swiftness to show zealous diligence, i.e. one's "best" (full effort by making haste).**

For the believer, *spoudḗ* ("speedy diligence") means *quickly obeying* what the Lord reveals is *His priority*. This elevates the *better* over the good – the *more important* over the important – and does so with *earnest swiftiness* (intensity). <http://biblehub.com/greek/4710.htm>

“...add to your faith...”

Original Word: ἐπιχορηγέω

Part of Speech: Verb (imperative)

Transliteration: epichorégeó

Definition: I supply, provide (perhaps lavishly), furnish, add.

epixorégēō (from *epí*, "appropriately on," which intensifies *xorégeō*, "richly supply everything needed for an ancient chorus to be a grand production") – **properly, lavishly supply, as it is suitable (apt) to outfit all that is needed to accomplish a grand objective.**

<http://biblehub.com/greek/2023.htm>

1 Tim. 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

2 Tim. 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

Jas. 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

“...virtue...”

Original Word: ἀρετή

Transliteration: areté

Short Definition: virtue, moral excellence, perfection, goodness, a gracious act, uprightness.

arētē – properly, *virtue* ("moral excellence") which is *displayed* to enrich life. <http://biblehub.com/greek/703.htm>

Virtue (noun)

1. Moral excellence; goodness; righteousness.
2. Conformity of one's life and conduct to moral and ethical principles; uprightness; rectitude.
3. Chastity; virginity:
4. A particular moral excellence.
5. A good or admirable quality or property:
6. Effective force; power or potency:

<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/virtue?s=t>

1 Pet. 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should **shew forth the praises** of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Sorites /sɔ'raɪ tɪz, sɒʊ-/ (noun) *Logic.*

1. a form of argument having several premises and one conclusion, capable of being resolved into a chain of syllogisms, the conclusion of each of which is a premise of the next.

<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/sorites?s=t>

(b) We must not only have integrity, but also be informed, 1:5b "...and to virtue knowledge;"

Original Word: γνῶσις

Transliteration: gnósis

Short Definition: knowledge, doctrine, wisdom

gnósis (a feminine noun derived from *ginōskō*, "experientially know") – *functional* ("working") knowledge gleaned from first-hand (personal) experience, connecting theory to application; "application-knowledge," gained in (by) a direct relationship.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1108.htm>

(c) We must not only be taught, but also be temperate, 1:6a "...And to knowledge temperance..."

Original Word: ἐγκράτεια

Transliteration: egkrateia

Definition: self-mastery, self-restraint, self-control, continence, temperance.

egkráteia (from *en*, "in the sphere of" and *krátos*, "dominion, mastery") – properly, *dominion within*, i.e. "self-control" – proceeding out from *within* oneself, but *not by oneself*.

For the believer, *egkráteia* ("self-control, Spirit-control") can only be accomplished *by the power of the Lord*. Accordingly, *egkráteia* ("true mastery from within") is explicitly called a *fruit of the Holy Spirit* (Gal 5:23).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1466.htm>

(d) We must not only be in possession, but also have patience, 1:6b "...and to temperance patience..."

Original Word: ὑπομονή

Transliteration: hupomoné

Definition: endurance, steadfastness, patient waiting for (or patience)

hypomoné (from *hypó*, "under" and *ménō*, "remain, endure") – **properly, remaining under, endurance; steadfastness, especially as God enables the believer to "remain (endure) under" the challenges He allots in life.** <http://biblehub.com/greek/5281.htm>

(e) We must not only be patiently good, but also be patiently godly, 1:6c "...and to patience godliness;"

Original Word: εὐσέβεια

Transliteration: eusebeia

Definition: piety (towards God), godliness, devotion, godliness.

Properly, someone's inner response to the things of God which shows itself in godly *piety* (*reverence*). *eusébeia* ("godly heart-response") naturally expresses itself in reverence for God, i.e. what He calls sacred (worthy of veneration).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/2150.htm>

(f) We must not only be holy, but also be helpful,
1:7a “And to godliness brotherly kindness...”

philadelphía (from *phílos*, "loving friend" and *adelphós*, "a brother") – properly, affection for the *brethren* (fellow-believers).
<http://biblehub.com/greek/5360.htm>

1 Pet. 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see *that ye* love one another with a pure heart fervently:

1 Pet. 3:8 Finally, *be ye* all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, *be* pitiful, *be* courteous:

Rom. 12:10 *Be* kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

1 Thess. 4:9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

Heb. 13:1 Let brotherly love continue.

(g) We must not only be liberal, but also be loveable, 1:7b "...and to brotherly kindness charity."

agápē – properly, *love* which centers in moral *preference*. So too in secular ancient Greek, (*agápē*) focuses on *preference*; likewise the verb form (*agapáō*) in antiquity meant "to *prefer*" (*TDNT*, 7). In the NT, (*agápē*) typically refers to *divine love* (= what *God prefers*).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/26.htm>

(2) Fruitful abundance, 1:8

2 Pet. 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 these things be in you, and abound, they make *you...*”

Original Word: καθίστημι

Transliteration: kathistémi

Definition: I set down, bring down to a place; I set in order, appoint, make, constitute.

Properly, set down (in place), i.e. "put in charge," give *standing* (authority, status) which enables someone to rule (exercise *decisive* force). <http://biblehub.com/greek/2525.htm>

Original Word: ἄργός

Transliteration: argos

Definition: idle, lazy, thoughtless, unprofitable, injurious = barren

<http://biblehub.com/greek/692.htm>

b. The path of delusion, 1:9

(1) The believer who has lost sight of his condition, 1:9a
“But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off...”

Original Word: μωπάζω

Transliteration: muópazó

Definition: I am short-sighted, blink, see dimly.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/3467.htm>

(2) The believer who has lost sight of his conversion, 1:9b “...and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.”

Conclusion

Heb. 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

3 Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when **he had by himself purged our sins**, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;