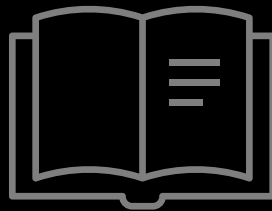


Growing in Character: Strength to Bless



II PETER 1:1 - 4

. . . escape from corruption . . .



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Now, preaching usually catches the sinner, brings him under condemnation by the Word. But teaching places the man positionally what he is. And we can never rightly be able to have faith until positionally we know what we are.



“Since I have Faith
I need nothing else”...

Faith is the foundation.

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First, you must be borned again. And then when you're borned again, you have faith; you believe the Word. Until you're borned again, you'll argue against It. If you're just religiously inclined, and you got a little human knowledge that you should do right, you'll never be able to agree upon the Word of God.



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... You'll never do it. You've got to be borned again. And, borned again, it produces faith. All right. Then, after you get faith, this right here, f-a-i-t-h, faith, then you're just in position of growing.



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Now, a lot of people go up to the altar, and pray, and say, “Lord, forgive me.” And a great experience of sanctification come upon them, and things. Then you have a great time, get up to the altar, shouting.



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... You go back, say, "Bless God, I got it." No, you just started to a place where you can grow. You ain't done nothing yet. See? The only thing you done is just laid the foundation.



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... Now you're going to build a house,
and you pour the foundation, say,
"Boy, I got her." See? You got the
foundation to build your house on.
Now you got to build a house.



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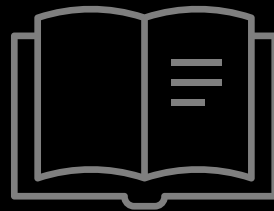
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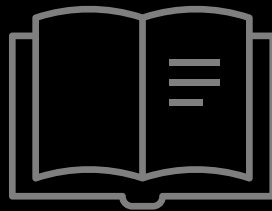
II PETER 1 : 5

. . . Faith, virtue, knowledge . . .



LUKE 8 : 43 - 48

. . . virtue went out . . .



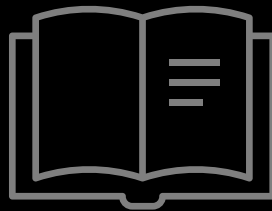
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If virtue went from Him, to heal the woman that was sick, He's expecting the same virtue in His Church, because He was our example. And if He had virtue to give to the people, He expects us to have virtue to give to the people. And what is virtue? Virtue is strength, power.



LUKE 6 : 17 - 28

. . . virtue of healing and Truth . . .



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Now, when you got it like that, then add that to your faith. When you got true virtue, add it to your faith. When you can walk out here on the street, live like a Christian, act like a Christian, be a Christian, add that to your faith.



Sustaining
joy and faith
through trials ...?

Blessing others
is the opposite
of jealousy.

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What if someone tried to
draw virtue out of us, and
the check would return
“insufficient funds”?



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... No, no, none there to draw from,
check bounced. Somebody looking
at you as a Christian, and
tomorrow see you out here
carrying on like a sinner, not much
virtue can be drawed from that.



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Virtue must be in us. And until we get virtue...Then when we get true virtue, we can add it to our faith. That's the next foundation wall. Now, first you must have faith. Faith alone won't do it.



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