

# Procuring Precious Promises



# *Securing the Promises of 2 Peter 1:1-4*

2 Peter 1:1-4 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:...



# *Securing the Promises of 2 Peter 1:1-4*

2 Peter 1:1-4 ... (2) Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, (3) as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,...



# *Securing the Promises of 2 Peter 1:1-4*

2 Peter 1:1-4 ... (4) by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.



# *Securing the Promises of 2 Peter 1:1-4 Through Confessing the Word of Faith*

Rom 10:8–10 But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART" (that is, the word of faith which we preach):...

➤ Promises are secured by faith through confession.

➤ This is why Jesus Said "It is written..."



# *Securing the Promises of 2 Peter 1:1-4*

Rom 10:8–10 ... (9) that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (10) For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.



# *Securing the Promises of 2 Peter 1:1-4 Through Diligence*

2 Peter 1:5–10 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence,...

- Ask God to Motivate us to diligence
- Understand that diligence is required to access these other attributes of Spiritual life in sequential order



# *Securing the Promises of 2 Peter 1:1-4 Through Diligence*

Mat 25:14–30 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. (15) And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey...





# *Securing the Promises of 2 Peter 1:1-4 Through Diligence*

Mat 25:14–30 "...(16) Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. (17) And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. (18) But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money...



# *Securing the Promises of 2 Peter 1:1-4 Through Diligence*

Mat 25:14–30 "...(19) After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. (20) "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them...'



# *Securing the Promises of 2 Peter 1:1-4 Through Diligence*

Mat 25:14–30 "...(21) His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' (22) He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them...'



# *Securing the Promises of 2 Peter 1:1-4 Through Diligence*

Mat 25:14–30 "...(23) His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' (24) 'Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed...



# *Securing the Promises of 2 Peter 1:1-4 Through Diligence*

Mat 25:14–30 "...(25) And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' (26) "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed...



# *Securing the Promises of 2 Peter 1:1-4 Through Diligence*

Mat 25:14–30 "...(27) So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest...."



# *Securing the Promises of 2 Peter 1:1-4 Through Diligence*

Mat 25:14–30 "...(28) So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. (29) 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. (30) And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'



# *Adding Excellence to Faith*

2 Peter 1:5–10 ... (5) add to your faith virtue,...

- Understand that virtue is the nature that desires all kinds of excellence
- Ask the Holy Spirit to give us a Spirit of excellence (Dan 5:12, 6:3)

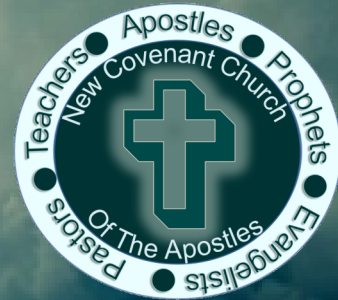




# *Adding Excellence to Faith*

G703 | ἀρέτη | aretē | ar-et'-ay

From the same as G730; properly manliness (valor), that is, excellence (intrinsic or attributed): – praise, virtue.



# *Adding Excellence to Faith*

Dan 5:10–12 The queen, because of the words of the king and his lords, came to the banquet hall. The queen spoke, saying, "O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts trouble you, nor let your countenance change..."



# *Adding Excellence to Faith*

Dan 5:10–12 ... (11) There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the Spirit of the Holy God. And in the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him; and King Nebuchadnezzar your father—your father the king—made him chief of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers...



# *Adding Excellence to Faith*

Dan 5:10–12 ... (12) Inasmuch as an excellent spirit, knowledge, understanding, interpreting dreams, solving riddles, and explaining enigmas were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar, now let Daniel be called, and he will give the interpretation."



# *Adding Excellence to Faith*

Dan 6:1–3 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, to be over the whole kingdom; (2) and over these, three governors, of whom Daniel was one, that the satraps might give account to them, so that the king would suffer no loss...



# *Adding Excellence to Faith*

Dan 6:1–3 ... (3) Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm.



# *Adding Knowledge to Excellence*

2 Peter 1:5–10 ... (5) to virtue  
knowledge,...

➤ Ask God for wisdom (James 1:5)

➤ Study to show yourself approved (1  
Tim 2:15)



# *Adding Knowledge to Excellence*

Jas 1:5–8 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. (6) But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind...





# *Adding Knowledge to Excellence*

Jas 1:5-8 ... (7) For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; (8) he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.



# *Adding Knowledge to Excellence*

2 Tim 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.



# *Adding Self-Control to Knowledge*

2 Peter 1:5–10 ... (6) to knowledge self-control,...

- Ask to Holy Spirit to manifest this fruit.
- Ask God to teach disciplines of self-control
- Self-Control requires self-denial



# *Adding Self-Control to Knowledge*

Gal 5:22–25 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law...



# *Adding Self-Control to Knowledge*

Gal 5:22–25 ... (24) And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (25) If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.



# *Adding Self-Control to Knowledge*

Gal 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.



# *Adding Perseverance to Self-Control*

2 Peter 1:5-10 ... (6) to self-control perseverance,...

➤ Ask God to give us endurance (Romans 5:3, Hebrews 10:36)



# *Adding Perseverance to Self-Control*

Rom 5:3–5 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; (4) and perseverance, character; and character, hope. (5) Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.





# *Adding Godliness to Perseverance*

2 Peter 1:5–10 ... (6) to perseverance  
godliness [Good Devotion],...

- Understand godliness as good devotion.
- Ask God to manifest love as good devotion that leads to holiness
- Attend to acts of devotion as Prayer and praise



# Godliness

G2150 | εὐσέβεια | eusebeia | yoo-  
seb'-i-ah

From G2152; piety; specifically the gospel  
scheme: – godliness, holiness.

Total KJV occurrences: 15

Translated 14x godliness, once holiness



# Godliness

G2152 | Εὐσεβής | Eusebēs | yoo-seb-  
ace'

From G2095 and G4576; well reverent,  
that is, pious: – devout, godly.

Total KJV occurrences: 4  
Translated 3x devout, once godly



# Godliness

G2095 | Εὖ | Eu | yoo

Neuter of a primary word εὖς eus (good);  
(adverbially) well: – good, well (done).

Total KJV occurrences: 6

Translated 3x well, 2x well done, once  
good



# Godliness

G4576 | Σέβομαι | Sebomai | seb'-om-ahee

Middle voice of an apparently primary verb; to revere, that is, adore: - devout, religious, worship.

Total KJV occurrences: 10

Translated 6x worship, 3x devout, once religious



# Godliness

G2095 | Εὖ | Eu | yoo (Good)

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G4576 | Σέβομαι | Sebomai | seb'-om-  
ahée  
(Devotion)

=

Good Devotion



# Godliness a Gateway to Love

Joh 14:21-24 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." (22) Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?.."



# Godliness a Gateway to Love

Joh 14:21-24 ... (23) Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (24) He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.





# *Adding Brotherly Kindness to Godliness*

2 Peter 1:5–10 ... (7) to godliness  
brotherly kindness,...

➤ Ask the Holy Spirit to produce in you  
brotherly love.

➤ Attend to brotherly love

➤ If you are devoted to God, you will  
love whom He loves



# *Devotion to God (Godliness) Leads to Brotherly Kindness*

1 Pe 1:17–23 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; (18) knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,...



# *Devotion to God (Godliness) Leads to Brotherly Kindness*

...(19) but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. (20) He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you (21) who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God...



# *Devotion to God (Godliness) Leads to Brotherly Kindness*

1 Pe 1:17–23 ... (22) Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, (23) having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,



# *Adding Love to Brotherly Kindness*

2 Peter 1:5–10 ...(7) and to brotherly kindness love...

- Ask the Holy Spirit to produce this fruit of agape love in all its fulness
- Ask God to reveal Himself as Love, which leads to perfection.



# *Adding Love to Brotherly Kindness*

1Jn 4:7-10 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. (8) He who does not love does not know God, for God is love...



# *Adding Love to Brotherly Kindness*

1 Jn 4:7–10 ... (9) In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. (10) In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.



# *Thank God for the Fruitfulness of the Promises of 2 Peter 1:1-4*

2 Peter 1:5–10 ... (8) For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ...

➤ Ask God to help us be fruitful, confessing that we are predestined to be conformed to the image of Christ (Romans 8:29)

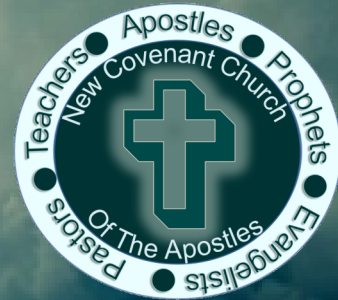




# *Warning Against Failure to Secure the Promises of 2 Peter 1:1-4*

2 Peter 1:5–10 ... (9) For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins...

➤ Ask the Holy Spirit to help us focus on securing these promises, trusting in Christ's intercession (Rom 8:26–28)



# God Faithfulness Concerning These Promises of 2 Peter 1:1-4

2 Peter 1:5-10 ... (10) Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;

➤ Confess God's Faithfulness



# Procurring Precious Promises

