

We Have Everything We Need For Life And Godliness!

Game Plan 2016: Life And Godliness! Pt. 1

2 Peter 1:1-4
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2 Peter 1:1, Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours: ²Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. ³His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. ⁴Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Big Questions: If I've been given everything I need for life and godliness, how come I'm not enjoying my life more? How come I'm not more godly?

God's Part: 2 Peter 1:1-4

1) God Has Given Us A Priceless FAITH

2 Peter 1:1, Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours...

Hebrews 4:2, For we also have had the Good News proclaimed to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because they did not share the faith of those who obeyed.

John 3:16, For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

- **Priceless Faith Is Both Objective And SUBJECTIVE!**

2) God Has Given Us Grace And Peace MULTIPLIED **2 Peter 1:2**, Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Philippians 4:4, Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

2 Peter 3:18, But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

- **Knowledge Of God Is The Great MULTIPLIER!**

3) God Has Given Us Everything We Need For LIFE And GODLINESS

2 Peter 1:3, *His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.*

Philippians 4:13, *I can do all this through Him who gives me strength...¹⁹And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.*

Colossians 2:6, *So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, ⁷rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.*

4) God Has Given Us Priceless **PROMISES**

2 Peter 1:4, *Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.*

- **Great And Precious Promises Are Past, Present And FUTURE!**

1 Peter 1:3, *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷These have*

come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Our Part: 2 Peter 1:5-11

We Must Put In The Effort

2 Peter 1:5, *For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

- **Faith Doesn't Stand Around With Its Hands In Its POCKETS**

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