

SECOND PETER CHAPTER 1

Lesson 5

FULL PROVISION

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The Lord Jesus Christ has “**given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness**” (vs. 3). Therefore we have no valid excuse not to be living a godly life. We lack nothing that is needed to live a victorious Christian life.

Any Christian that is not living a godly life is doing so by choice. That person has chosen not to take possession of and make use of the things that God gave them to live godly.

“SELF” often gets in the way of what the Lord wants for us. Our lusts and desires are placed ahead of the desires of the Holy Spirit. Because we’re selfish, we don’t want to be inconvenienced by the holiness, righteousness, purity, and goodness that the Lord has provided for us to live a Christian life.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-17

Becoming a “**new creature**” (vs. 17) does not mean that your physical appearance has changed. It doesn’t mean that all the circumstances of your life have been changed. In the context, it means that you are NOW ABLE to live for Jesus (vs. 15). We are NOW ABLE to NOT live unto OURSELVES (vs. 15).

“**New Creature**” = Brand new life—for the Lord.

NOT: “Now God is going to serve ME.”

2 CORINTHIANS 9:1, 7-8, 11

The context in this passage is “**ministering to the saints**” (vs. 1) and giving (vs. 7).

God wants YOU to be able to “**abound to every good work**” (vs. 8). To make that possible, He can “**make ALL grace abound toward you**” (vs. 8) so that you have what you need to minister to others. You can have “**all sufficiency in all things**” (vs. 8) if you want to give and minister to others. That is available to you.

There is no excuse not to live your life in a way that would be a blessing and a help to others. God has GIVEN you what you need to do it.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

This verse dismisses every excuse you’ve ever used for not “*being able*” to serve God or serve others. This verse says YOU CAN!

YOU CAN: QUIT cussing, cheating, losing your temper, talking about yourself, lusting, complaining, making excuses, etc.

YOU CAN: IDENTIFY yourself as a follower of Jesus Christ; BEGIN witnessing, serving, teaching; HAVE love, joy, peace; BE gracious, kind, longsuffering, bold, compassionate, truthful, righteous...

“**ALL THINGS**” that are needed to live the Christian life are yours. You’ve just got to take possession of those things and begin using them.

Romans 8:31-37

God is for us (vs. 31). He didn't spare His Son, but gave Him freely. Therefore He also will not withhold ANY of the things we need (vs. 32) to be "**more than conquerors**" (vs. 37) through Jesus Christ.

God has provided (in our salvation) everything we need to overcome the temptations of this world and to be a better husband, wife, father, mother, etc., no matter what our upbringing or background is.

You can get through this life clean, loving, helpful, and respectful if you want to. God has made it possible for the Christian.

You are ABLE to happily receive ALL of God's instructions and warnings and restrictions without exception. God has provided that ability for us in our salvation. We just have to want it. If there's something in the Bible you don't like, you're not making use of the ability God provided you. Take it and use it!

1 John 2:20-27

"**Ye know all things**" (vs. 20) doesn't mean that God pours every fact into your brain that you didn't study before. The context is holiness; being Christ-like.

We instinctively (in our flesh) know how to sin in various ways. It is in our nature to know those things. We don't have to study to learn how to be bad. That comes from Adam.

When you get saved, the Holy Spirit gives you newfound knowledge of how to do right.

You're now able to recognize things that are good and right; things that are according to God's will. That comes from the Holy Spirit. Now you can lean toward those things.

You're now able to recognize the things that are bad wrong and harmful and against the will of God. You're able to avoid those things, if you choose to.

It's a matter of what you choose to yield to: the flesh or the Spirit. The flesh knows how to do wrong. The Spirit knows how to do right. You have knowledge of both, so you have to be willing to choose the right.

You cannot "educate" yourself into doing right and living right.

You must humble yourself, yield to the Lord, daily crucify your flesh, and make use of what God has provided so that you CAN live a godly Christian life.

What has God provided?

The Word of God (Heb 4:12)

Prayer; the Holy Spirit making intercession for us (Rom. 8:26), Jesus Christ mediating for us (1 Tim. 2:5, 1 Jn 2:1).

Fellowship (Heb 1:24-25)

Preaching (1 Cor. 1:18-21)
