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II PETER 1:2

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

II PETER 1:3

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath **called us to glory and virtue:**

II PETER 1:4

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.

II PETER 1:5

5 ¶ And beside this, giving all diligence, ***ADD** to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

ADD: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2023

epichoregeo {ep-ee-khor-ayg-eh'-o}

minister nourishment, to supply, furnish, ministered unto, assisted

Greek, in the possession of your faith, minister virtue.

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6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

II PETER 1:7

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

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50-2.....now we put the Blood of Jesus Christ in. See? And that brings the faith of Jesus Christ, the virtue of Jesus Christ, the knowledge of Jesus Christ, the temperance of Jesus Christ, the patience of Jesus Christ, the godliness of Jesus Christ, the brotherly kindness of Jesus Christ, and the love of God which is Jesus Christ. He's the Head that controls you. And your feet is the foundation, faith. Amen. Controlled by the Head, takes the people...?... There you are. **There is the perfect man of God when he possesses these virtues.**

THE WORD "VIRTUE" IS USED IN THE OLD MEDICAL SENSE,

THE POWER OR FORCE WHICH BRINGS ABOUT A CERTAIN DEFINITE RESULT.

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24-5 Now, Peter's talking about **building a House of God (See?), the Temple of God**, fixing it to a place. And after you have virtue you must have--after you have faith, you must have virtue with it. That's right. **HAVE VIRTUE FOR THE WHOLE WORLD.**

I preached a sermon about twenty years ago, I guess, on Reverend Mr. Lily, Lily, the pastor. Took it from the text to where Jesus said, "Consider the lilies how they neither toil or spin, yet I say unto you, Solomon in all of his glory is not arrayed like one." Look at the lily. It comes from way down in the muck; and every minute of the day it has to be drawing from the earth. See? And what does it do with this virtue that it draws? It gives it out. It makes a beautiful sight for the admirer. It opens up itself for honey, for the bee to come and get his part. **Don't complain; it just got it to give out.** What if a bee came in there, "Insufficient funds," no honey. That little bee would scratch his head and say, "What kind of a lily is that?"

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25-5 **Now, now, you must have virtue.** I saidthen, the first thing you know there's somebody loves to smell the odor. He ain't selfish; he's got odor. Before he can give out odor, he has to have it. Before he can give out honey, he has to have it. Before he can give out beauty, he has to have it. **'Fore you can give out virtue, you have to have it. So add to your faith virtue.** Amen.....

II PETER 1:5

5 ¶ And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue **KNOWLEDGE**;

ROMANS 11:33

33 ¶ O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and **knowledge of God!** how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

I CORINTHIANS 1:4

4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;

I CORINTHIANS 1:5

5 That in everything ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, **and in all knowledge;**

II CORINTHIANS 2:14

14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour **of his knowledge by us in every place.**

COLOSSIANS 1:9

9 ¶ For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that **ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;**

COLOSSIANS 1:10

10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, **and increasing in the knowledge of God;**

COLOSSIANS 3:10

10 And have put on the new man, which is **renewed in knowledge** after the image of him that created him:

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2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through **the knowledge of God,** and of Jesus our Lord,

II PETER 3:18

18 But grow in grace, **and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.** To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

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25-6 Now, first, it's faith; then virtue. **And then thirdly, you add knowledge.** Knowledge, now that don't mean worldly knowledge, 'cause that's foolishness to God, **but knowledge to judge. Judge what? Right from wrong.**

How do you judge it then if you've got Christian knowledge with your virtue and faith, you judge whether the Word is right or wrong. And if you can lay aside all your creeds and all your unbelief, everything that you claim you have done, **then you have knowledge to believe that God cannot lie.** "Let every man's word be a lie, but Mine be True." See, now you're getting knowledge. **That's supreme knowledge.** You don't have to have four degrees in some college or something like that to have it, **because all these virtues are GIVEN TO YOU BY GOD to place upon the foundation of your faith, that you might come to the full stature of a real living man of God. Yes, sir.**

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26-1.....**You should believe today that the--and accept it that the days of miracles is not passed, knowledge that what God says, God's able to perform.....**

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26-4.....When you have knowledge, you say, "Well, I don't know now whether this Scripture is just right. Now, here's Acts 2:38; I don't know how to go...?... with that; Acts 28:19, I don't..." All right, don't do--don't add nothing, 'cause you ain't got it yet. See? What are you going to do? **Because you haven't got knowledge enough to know of God yet that the Bible doesn't contradict Itself. Leave it alone.** Don't say no more about it. See, leave it alone. But when you can see that the Scripture is not contradictory, that you can say that--and can see that by the revelation of God, the whole Word is wrote in mysteries, **and only the knowledge of God can reveal It.** Then when you get and say, punctuate every word of God with an "Amen," then add that to your faith.

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26-5 Oh, you're getting to be a pretty good man right now. See? **You're coming up. See? What with? With faith, then with virtue, then knowledge.** See how it's building this man? You can see there's no--no way of escaping it. **This is the way to become in the full stature of Christ. Yes, sir.**

To judge, judge right, judge whether it's right or wrong to believe God's Word; judge whether it's right or wrong whether I should serve a creed or serve God; judge whether it's right or wrong, "I should be born again, or join a church." Then you begin... Judge right when the preacher says, "The days of miracles is passed." The Bible said, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Now, which are you going to believe? When you say, "I'll take God." Now, you don't say that to say, "Well, I--I take it," just from your heart, "but something in you--your faith pushes out there. There you are. Your faith says, "I know He's the same. I've witnessed Him the same." **There's nothing can take it away from you. "I know He's real." Then add that to your faith. Lay it down on the foundation.**

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27-5.....Christ never sent me to build an organizations. **Christ sent me to build individuals to the statue of Jesus Christ that they might be THE POWER HOUSE...?**... dwelling place of His Spirit by His Word (Uh-huh.)--by His Word. See? Build up the individual to that place, not build an organization to a greater denomination, but build the individual to sons and daughters of God. That's the idea.

See, add to your faith virtue; to your virtue, add knowledge. Well, now, you're coming to a place.

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28-2 Now, when they begin to say, "Well, we don't have to accept that today." You do have to. It must be. The Scriptures cannot lie and, "There are no private interpretation," the Bible said. You just believe it the way it's written there. See, you've got

to have these things. **And the only way you'll ever be able to have them is to have HEAVEN-BORN KNOWLEDGE. And heaven-born knowledge will vindicate the Word.....**

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28-5 Now, there'll be another thing on this knowledge we might speak of: godly knowledge. See? **Has the Bible in this day lost Its meanings?** See, they--a lot of people tell you that, that the Bible doesn't exactly mean that. If God watches over me, and corrects me in my sin; and if I am a son of God, He does that. He does you that way. Sons and [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.]--daughters, when you do anything wrong, He corrects you. Then if God is so particular about you that He watches over you and corrects you, how much more has He His Word, which is your Example, which is Himself. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God, and made flesh and dwelled among us."

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28-6.....**I believe in genuine Holy Ghost knowledge. Holy Ghost knowledge will always punctuate the Word with, "Amen."** When you get these things that seem to contradict themselves in the Bible, you set down and study it, and prayerfully like that; and the first thing you know, the Holy Spirit begins to move in. **After while you see it ties together, and there you got it. See? THAT'S KNOWLEDGE.**

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29-4 **Knowledge, not worldly, it reasons. Any kind of worldly knowledge reasons.** See, but faith has no reasoning. God reveals to you a certain-certain thing's going to happen, every scientist in the world could say it's contrary, it could not happen; you believe it anyhow.....

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30-1 All right, now, knowledge. Now, not worldly knowledge, **BUT IT'S HEAVENLY KNOWLEDGE**. And heavenly knowledge, when God is the fountain of all knowledge, and God is the Word, **then if you've got heavenly knowledge, you believe the Word, and you reason anything by the Word.....**

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30-6 Sure, knowledge, not worldly, **spiritual knowledge of the Word**, knowing what God said, do what God said. That's right. Then if you've got that and can believe all these things that He's the same in all these things the Word says is true, **you punctuate everyone with a, "Amen" it's all right. ADD THAT TO YOUR FAITH. That's all right.**

Yes, if somebody tries to tell you that the Bible has lost Its power, there is no such a thing as the baptism of the Holy Ghost (Huh-uh.), **don't add that. It won't work.** It'll fall off, like putting clay on a rock; it won't stand up. It'll crumble.

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31-2 Then people tell you, "The Bible can't be trusted today. You be careful now. Don't you go being a... It can't be trust..." You've heard that all the time. Little saying: "You can't trust the Bible." Well, if--if you've got that in your mind, **you--don't--don't try to add it, 'cause it won't work. The whole building will fall down right there.** She's got to be mortared by the Holy Spirit; I mean stuck together, the mortar that seals it. And the same thing that seals it... **You know the way a vulcanized tube always lasts longer than just an old stuck on patch, a little heat gets stuck on an old patch on a tire, the first thing you know get that tire a little bit hot, run a little fast, and it'll melt off.**

Yes, sir. See? And that's what's the matter with a lot of people today: they try to stick their knowledge on, a worldly knowledge, with a little old earthly glue. And when the trials come, "Well,

maybe I was wrong." See? Then the air goes; you're deflated in a few minutes. All your shouting and jumping up and down didn't do you any good. The people sees you right back in the same puddle again. See? That's right. **But if you stay there with enough heat of the Holy Ghost till it makes you and the Tube one, that's it. You and the Tube becomes one.** When you stay there till you, and every promise of God becomes one, then add that to your faith. If you don't, don't add it at all.

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31-4 You say, "The Word can't be trusted." Don't try to add that. If you say, "The promises in here of the baptism of the Holy Ghost was only meant for the twelve apostles," like some churches say today; **don't try to add that. That's where their foundation's all crumbled up.....**

II PETER 1:5

5 ¶ And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

II PETER 1:6

6 And to knowledge ***TEMPERANCE;** and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

TEMPERANCE: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1466
egkrateia {eng-krat'-i-ah}
self control (the virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, especially his sensual appetites)

GALATIANS 5:22

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

GALATIANS 5:23

23 Meekness, **temperance:** against such there is no law.

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33-4.....Now, you're going to add temperance. Temperance doesn't mean: stop drinking alcohol here either. No, no. Temperance doesn't mean alcoholic cure, not in this case. **This is Bible temperance, Holy Spirit temperance.** That's just one of the lust of the flesh. But we're talking about Holy Spirit temperance. **That means how to control your tongue, not be a tattler; how to control your temper, not fly off every time anybody speaks cross to you.** Oh, my. Boy, a lot of us are going to fall off 'fore we get started, aren't we? See? Then we wonder why God's not in His church doing miracles and things that He used to do.

PROVERBS 12:18

18 ¶ There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: **but the tongue of the wise is health.**

PROVERBS 16:24

24 ¶ Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

PROVERBS 10:11

11 ¶ The mouth of a righteous man **is a well of life:** but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

PROVERBS 12:18

18 ¶ There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.

PROVERBS 15:4

4 ¶ A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.

PROVERBS 18:21

21 ¶ Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

PROVERBS 13:16

16 ¶ Every prudent man dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open his folly.

PROVERBS 14:17

17 ¶ He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated.

PROVERBS 14:29

29 ¶ He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.

PROVERBS 15:1

1 ¶ A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

PROVERBS 15:2

2 ¶ The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

JAMES 1:26

26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and ***BRIDLETH** not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

BRIDLETH: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5468
chalinagogeō {khal-in-ag-ogue-eh'-o}
to lead by a bridle, to guide; hold in check, restrain

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149 Don't fuss. When the family gets in a fuss, don't fuss with them. Your mother said, "I ain't having you go up there, that old church, anymore. Well, you, all you think about now, you're letting your hair grow out. You look like some old grandma."

Don't fuss with her.

Say, "Okay, mother. It's all right. I love you, just the same. And I'll be praying for you as long as I live." See?

150 **Now, don't fuss. See? Temper breeds temper.** First thing you know, you grieve the Holy Spirit away from you, you'll be fussing back. Then the Holy Spirit takes Its flight. **Temper breeds temper.**

And love breeds love. Be full of love. Jesus said, "This will all men know you're My disciples, when you have love, one for another." That's the fruit of the Holy Spirit, love.

PROVERBS 25:11

11 ¶ A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

JAMES 1:19

19 ¶ Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

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33-6.....Temperance, how to answer in kindness when wrath is spoke to you. Somebody say, "You bunch of holy-rollers down there." **Don't jump out and roll up your sleeves now.** See? Not that, but talk with godly love. Temperance, kindness, is that the way you want to be?

When you're riled upon, rile not back. Let Him be your Example. When they said, "If Thou be the Son of God, turn these stones into bread," He could've done it and show He was God; **but He had temperance.** When they called Him Beelzebub, He said, "I forgive you for it." Is that right? They pulled handfuls of beard out of His face, and spit in His face, and said, "Come down off the cross."

He said, "Father forgive them; they don't even know what they're doing."

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34-2 When He had the gift... He knowed all things, for in Him was the Fullness of the Godhead bodily. They had seen Him perform miracles by telling people what was wrong with them,

and so forth like that. They put a rag around His head like that, around His eyes, and hit Him on the head with a stick, and said, "Prophecy; tell us who hit you; we'll believe you." See? He had temperance.

Now, if you've got it like that; add it to your faith. If you still blow up and sass, and fuss, and stew, and carry on. Huh, uh. You ain't got no... You can't add that, 'cause it won't add.

See, it won't vulcanize. You couldn't take a piece of rubber, you know, and vulcanize it to a piece of iron. It just won't work. No, it's got to be flexible just like the rubber is. See? And when your faith and your temperance becomes the same kind of Holy Ghost temperance that He had, **then it'll vulcanize with Him. You're added to it.**

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34-5 When your virtue is like His virtue, then it'll add to it. **When your knowledge is like His knowledge, "I come to do Thy will, oh God."... With the Father's Word He defeated every devil.** Heavens and earth will pass away but the Word will not. See, when you got that kind of knowledge, it'll vulcanize with your faith. When you got the right kind of temperance, like He had; it'll vulcanize. If you haven't--just a man-made, halfway, soused-up belief, or temperance, "Oh, I ought to slap him down, but--but maybe I'd better not, 'cause they might put my name in the paper about it." That ain't the kind of temperance He's talking about. Don't try to add that; it won't work. **But when you can really, with the sweetness from your heart forgive every man, hold your peace; let it be gone (See?), then it'll vulcanize. You can add that to your faith.**

Whew. No wonder the church is so short. Isn't that right? No wonder.

II PETER 1:6

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance **PATIENCE**; and to patience godliness;

PATIENCE: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5281

hupomone {hoop-om-on-ay'}

enduring, patient continuance, patient waiting,
steadfastness, in the NT the characteristic of a man who is not
swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and
piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings: patiently, and
steadfastly