

SERMON SERIES: STAND FIRM, GROWING GRACE, GROUNDED IN TRUTH

EQUIPPED FOR GREATNESS

2 Peter 1:1-11

INTRODUCTION:

Because God has already fully equipped us with His divine power, we must actively pursue spiritual growth to secure our faith and impact the world.

- “⁵ And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; ⁶ And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; ⁷ And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity” (2 Pet 1:5-6).

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In this message, we will meditate on three (3) aspects of Equipped For Greatness:

- I. **WE MUST RECOGNIZE OUR DIVINE EMPOWERMENT** (vv. 1-4)
 - A. Believers Share an Equal Standing in Faith (v. 1b)
 - B. Believers Possess Everything Required for Godly Living (v. 3)
 - C. Believers are Partakers of the Divine Nature (v. 4; Matt 11:28-30; John 4:14; 14:2-3)
- II. **WE MUST CULTIVATE OUR CHRISTIAN CHARACTER** (vv. 5-7)
 - A. Faith (v. 5a)
 - B. Virtue/Goodness (v. 5b)
 - C. Knowledge (v. 5c)
 - D. Self-Control (v. 6a)
 - E. Perseverance/Steadfastness/Patience (v. 6b)
 - F. Godliness (v. 6c)
 - G. Brotherly Kindness (v. 7a)
 - H. Love (v. 7b)
- III. **REALIZE OUR SPIRITUAL FRUITFULNESS** (vv. 8-11)
 - A. Active Growth Prevents Spiritual Stagnation (v. 8; John 15:5)
 - B. Neglecting Growth Leads to Spiritual Blindness (v. 9; 2 Pet 3:18)
 - C. Diligence Secures our Calling and Eternal Home (vv. 10-11; Luke 6:43-45; Acts 4:12)

CONCLUSION:

- A. Saints, you are Equipped for Greatness: You have Divine Empowerment; You can Cultivate Christian Character; and You can Realize Spiritual Fruitfulness.
- B. If you want to ensure you never stumble, you must keep your faith moving. A stagnant Christian becomes spiritually blind and shortsighted. Growth in godliness is the only proof that you are actively waking in your calling.” – Charles Spurgeon
- C. Lord I Need You
- D. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).