



SEVEN SPICES
Part 5 : Purity
Sunday October 24, 2010

Review : 2 Peter 1:5-11

Peter lists 7 things to add to our faith
Virtue (good character)
Knowledge (spiritual understanding, renewed mind)
Discipline (Self-Control, temperance)
Perseverance (Endurance, patience)
Godliness (Purity, reverence)
Brotherly Kindness (fellowship, warm friendliness)
Love

If we do add these to our faith, that is develop these in our lives along with our faith -
- you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (vs 8)
- for if you do these things you will never stumble (vs 10)

If you lack these, then you are
- shortsighted, even to blindness, - cannot see clearly or at best only see the immediate, but cannot see the long term (vs 9)
- forget that you were cleansed from your old sins and tend to go back (vs 9)

Message Bible

2 Peter 1:5-7

5 So don't lose a minute in building on what you've been given, complementing your basic faith with good character, spiritual understanding,

6 alert discipline, passionate patience, **reverent wonder**,

7 warm friendliness, and generous love, each dimension fitting into and developing the others.

Today: Add to your faith ...PURITY

Godliness (KJV, NKJV), reverent wonder (MSG), fear of God (BBE)
Godliness, piety, holiness, purity.

Peter's writing on godliness

1 Peter 1:14-17, 2 Peter 1:3 2 Peter 3:10,11

What a godly life is not?

- Not isolation from contact with people of the world.
- Not a religious attitude of being holier than others.
- Not a set of "dos and don'ts".

What is godliness (purity)?

- An outworking of the divine nature that is within us – the new man within us Ephesians 4:23,24

Challenges to purity

1, Temptations



2, Conformance

The battle for purity

1, Overcoming Temptations

James 1:13-16

Joseph Genesis 39

The mind and the body

These are two areas where we face the greatest battles in overcoming temptations. Will have to conquer the mind and crucify the ungodly desires of the body.

(Please see relevant APC Publications: The Conquest of the mind)

The Lord's Prayer

In Matthew 6:9-13 the Lord Jesus gives us a "pattern" for our prayer life. He gives us "focus areas" that we need to engage in as part of our life of prayer.

Will focus on *vs 13: Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil...*

"Lead us not into temptation"

- God does not tempt any one James 1:13 , so this must be understood as "do not allow me to get into places of temptation"
- We are to pray this way Matthew 26:41
A man's three most vulnerable areas has to do with: sexuality, self-ego (e.g. pride, fame, power, influence), and self-sufficiency (e.g. money, intelligence). A woman's three most vulnerable areas have to do with: security (i.e. being loved, accepted), self-identity and self-esteem
- However two issues
 - a) Matthew 4:1
 - b) James 1:2Conclusion: There are times God allows us or directs our ways into situations where we will be tempted, tested and tried. These are intended for us to gain private victories. Private victories, can become areas of public ministry. Victories you have gained in private, you can minister to others in public.

"but deliver us from evil"

- Literally means deliver us from the evil one. Keep me from falling to the strategies and schemes of the evil one.
- A preventive and protective kind of prayer that ensures that the enemy will not succeed in his assignments against us.
- 1 Corinthians 10:13 God's answer to this prayer often comes as "a way of escape" which He provides. But we must take that way out. His way of escape is often a 'place of safety' not to escape facing temptation, but to be able to "endure it" without yielding to it. Hebrews 2:18, Hebrews 4:15,16

Praying in tongues Ephesians 6:18, Romans 8:26,27 is a powerful weapon in making Matthew 6:13 happen in every day life. We may not always be aware of situations that would put us in



temptation. We may not always be aware of the strategies and schemes of the enemy. But as we pray in the Spirit, the Holy Spirit will be sure to help us in areas of our weaknesses.

2, Overcoming the pressure to conform
2 Corinthians 6:14-18

(Please read relevant APC Publications: We Are Different, Ancient Landmarks)

Video : Black hole

Sing Hymn: Yield Not To Temptation

The value of purity / The result of purity

1, Attracts God

Psalm 4:3 Psalm 18:20-24

2, The power to influence

Purity gives you the power to influence those around you.

John 1:5 Light overpowers darkness.

2 Timothy 2:19-22 makes you a vessel of honor

3, Creating Memories

A godly life leaves a lasting impression. Proverbs 10:7

INVITATION TO RECEIVE CHRIST

We like to end our services by giving an invitation to any one here who has never experienced the power of Jesus Christ in their lives to do so. The Lord Jesus Christ, who is God – came into this world about 2000 years ago, as a Man. He was crucified on a cross where He took upon Him the sins of the whole world and paid for them. He died and rose up again, and ascended back into heaven. He is alive today. If you will believe in Him you will be saved.

Yield Not To Temptation

(written by Horatio R. Palmer)

Verse 1:

Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin;
each victory will help you some other to win;
fight manfully onward, dark passions subdue,
look ever to Jesus, He'll carry you through.

Chorus:

Ask the Savior to help you,
comfort, strengthen and keep you;
He is willing to aid you,
He will carry you through.

Verse 2:

Shun evil companions, bad language disdain;
God's name hold in reverence, nor take it in vain;
be thoughtful and earnest, kind-hearted and true;



look ever to Jesus, He'll carry you through.
Chorus

Verse 3:

To him that o'ercometh, God giveth a crown;
through faith we shall conquer, though often cast down;
He who is our Savior our strength will renew;
look ever to Jesus, He'll carry you through.
Chorus

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