

Digging Deeper: Building a Foundation Developing Spiritual Habits

March 3rd 2010

Greetings from Peter

¹ This letter is from Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ.

I am writing to you who share the same precious faith we have. This faith was given to you because of the justice and fairness of Jesus Christ, our God and Savior.

² May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.

Growing in Faith

³ By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. ⁴ And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

⁵ In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.

⁸ The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins.

2 Peter 1:1-9 (New Living Translation)

Buildings Start with a Foundation

Requiring Materials

Work

Design

Developing a life that is God's Best for YOU
requires you to:

Accept the supplied gifts and promises

Make personal Effort

Beyond Belief

Continue to Develop

Develop through:

Hard to start

Always an option

Builds your character

Involves your heart

Takes time

Strengthens your potential

Main Entry: **'hab·it**

Pronunciation: \ˈhɑ-bət\ Function: *noun*

3 : manner of conducting oneself : **bearing**

6 : a settled tendency or usual manner of behavior <her habit of taking a morning walk>

7 a : a behavior pattern acquired by frequent repetition or physiologic exposure that shows itself in regularity or increased facility of **performance**

b : an acquired mode of behavior that has become nearly or completely involuntary <got up early from force of habit>

c : **addiction** <a drug habit>

"Sow a thought and you reap an action; sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Other Passages to Check out:

Matthew 12:33-36

How is a tree identified?
What identifies you?

John 15:1-8

How can you be fruitful?
What does Jesus Promise?

Ephesians 4:11-25

What does God desire for Us?
What are we supposed to do?
What are we supposed to get rid of?

Hebrews 10:24-26

What are we supposed to do?
Why?

Philippians 4:8-10 (New Living Translation)

What are we supposed to do?
What does God promise if we do these things?

Psalms 119:33-35

What are we supposed to do?
What does God promise if we do?

2 Corinthians 1:20-24 (New Living Translation)

What does this tell us about Christ?
What does God Promise?
What are we supposed to do?

Colossians 3

What are we supposed to do?
What are we promised?

1 John 3:1-3

How does God feel about us?
What are we supposed to do?

Small Group / Personal Questions:

What habits are tough for you to break?

What habits do you want to stop?

What habits do you want to start?

What Habits do you want to do better at?

What can the group Pray for you about?
(Or thank God with you about?)

Don't Forget!

Beauty and The Bible: Sunday @ Michelle's
Leadership ATF Due Next Wed
Guy's Group Saturday, March 13th
Leadership Meeting March 17th
Staying True Girl's Conference March 20th
Clue Night March 27th