

Add to your Faith

Have you ever wondered about your faith or having the right kind of faith? Could there be biblical essentials that will supplement our faith? Consider the following scripture passage located in 2 Peter 1: 1-10 KJV

Apostle Peter's Message about a Precious Faith

Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like **precious faith** with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. Grace and peace be multiplied unto you **through** the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord. 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. **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.

And beside this, giving all diligence,

- ✿ Add to your faith virtue
 - ✿ To virtue knowledge
 - ✿ To knowledge temperance
 - ✿ To temperance patience
 - ✿ To patience godliness
 - ✿ To godliness brotherly kindness
 - ✿ To brotherly kindness charity
- (2 Peter 1:5-7) KJV

For if these things [see above attributes] be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall

Peter, the Apostle Exhorts &
Brief History of Power given to Him & other Apostles

Peter, the Apostle of Yahushua ha Mashiach/Jesus the Messiah explains that there are other essentials to add to our faith. First of all, he begins by stating “**give all diligence.**” In other words, be **meticulous and thorough (place a great effort)** regarding your faith. Our faith should be grounded in the teachings of Yahushua, the Son of the One True and Living God. The Holy Scriptures record that “**Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God**” (Romans 10:17) KJV We earnestly hope for the promises of God through our LORD and Saviour Yahushua; His apostles [disciples also called apostles, by Yahushua; see Luke 6:13] were successful in their spiritual vocation because they diligently followed Him. After being called by Yahushua, the apostles forsook their livelihood and followed Him (Luke 5)

But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6) KJV **As the disciples continued to diligently follow Yahushua, their knowledge and understanding was increased!** However, before Yahushua’s ascension (Acts 1:1-5), He instructed the disciples to **tarry [wait]** in Jerusalem, until they were **empowered by the Holy Spirit**. Consider the following scriptural passages: **And He said unto them, these are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the Psalms, concerning me.**

Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures. And said unto them, thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day. And that repentance and remission of sins should be

preached in His Name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. **And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you, but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued [filled] with power from on high.** (Luke 24:44-49) KJV

Question: What was the promise of the Father that Jesus would send?

Answer: ...I will pour My Spirit upon thy seed, and My blessing upon thy offspring (Isaiah 44:3) KJV And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. (Joel 2:28) KJV

Personal Prayer

Holy Father, I come to you in the Name of Yahushua, asking that you will open up my understanding, to understand your Holy Word, and that my ears will be attuned to hear when you are speaking to me. Amen

After being empowered by the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8), Jesus' disciples became empowered witnesses to carry the gospel throughout the world! The disciples had the **right kind of faith** that was **solely** dependent upon Jesus the Messiah, and their obedience to the great commission. The apostles **believed** in the Son of the One True and Living God, and **believed** that the Father sent His Son into the world (John 3:16). In addition, the apostles tarried in Jerusalem, **believed** and **received** the Promise of the Holy Spirit.

How can we Attain Faith Empowered by the Holy Spirit

In order for us to become effective within our spiritual vocations, we must diligently *cleave* to the LORD Jesus and **pray faith-filled prayers**. Within the Holy Scripture it is written: **Ask and it shall be given, seek and ye shall find, knock and the door shall be opened** (Matthew 7:7) KJV It is written, **If ye abide in me** [Yahushua ha Mashia'ch], and **my words abide in you**, ye shall ask what ye will, and it **shall** be done

unto you. The key to faith-filled prayers is to abide in our LORD and Savior, who is none other than Yahushua who is the Son of the One True and Living God. If we abide in Him, and His words abide in us, our prayers shall be answered.

Question: Why will our prayers be answered?

Answer: Because Yahushua's Words abound within us, and because we have not asked amiss.

What is to "ask amiss"?
(James 4:1-3) KJV

Consider the following scriptural passage:**From whence come wars and fightings among you; come they not hence, even of your own lusts that war in your members? Ye lust and have not. Ye kill and desire to have and cannot obtain. Ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye might consume it upon your own lusts.**

Read & study James Chapter 4

God's Word Translation

What causes fights and quarrels among you? **Aren't they caused by the selfish desires that fight to control you?** You want what you don't have, so you commit murder. You're determined to have things, but you can't get what you want. You quarrel and fight. **You don't have the things you want, because you don't pray for them. When you pray for things, you don't get them because you want them for the wrong reason—for your own pleasure.**

You unfaithful people! **Don't you know** that love for this {evil} world is hatred toward God? Whoever wants to be a friend of this world is an enemy of God. *Do you think this passage means nothing?* It says, "The Spirit that lives in us wants us to be his own."

But God shows us even more kindness

Scripture says, “God opposes arrogant people, but he is kind to humble people.”
So place yourselves under God's authority. *Resist* the devil, and he will run away from you. Come close to God, and He will come close to you. Clean up your lives, you sinners, and clear your minds, you doubters (James 4:1-8) GW

Remember: Repent for the remission of sin and pray without ceasing

Faith Strengtheners

First Attribute of Faith

According to 2 Peter 1, we should to add to our faith. We should add **virtue** to our faith. It is necessary that our faith be empowered by the Holy Spirit. The apostles of Yahushua, had to wait on their empowerment. First of all, **they walked with the LORD**, in other words they followed Him. Following Jesus means denying self of worldly lusts. **Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.** (1 John 2:15-17) KJV

Second Attribute of Faith

Next, add **knowledge** to virtue. Diligently study the Word of the LORD. Remember to ask the LORD for wisdom before, during and after studies: **Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth** (1 Timothy 2:15) KJV

Allow your faith in the LORD, to become firmly rooted within His Word.

Question: How powerful is the Word of the LORD?

Answer: For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart (Hebrews 4:12) KJV The Word of God, works effectively in those who believe. The Holy Scripture state that **the effectual fervent prayers of a righteous man availeth much.** (James 5:16) KJV

Question: Why does the righteous man's prayer availeth much?

Answer: Simply because the righteous man has faith in the Word of One True and Living God, and pray utilizing His Words only!

Third Attribute of Faith

The third attribute is to add **temperance** to knowledge. In other words, do not become puffed up with an abundance of knowledge. One must be wise to win souls. Paul was a highly educated man, but never allowed his vast education to impede upon the ministry given to him, by Yahushua. Paul's education was not influenced by lofty words that would bring glory to himself. He knew when to speak, how to speak, what to speak and where to speak the Word of the LORD.

Apostle Paul

And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the

Lord of glory. But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. (1 Corinthians 2:4-9) KJV

Question: Where are the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden?

Answer: Read Colossians 2:1-4

Question: Why did Paul, the Apostle emphasize the treasures of wisdom and knowledge

Answer: Read Colossians 2:4

Consider the Words of Yahushua ha Mashiach

The LORD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary...(Isaiah 50:4) KJV

Question: How did Yahushua acquire His wisdom and knowledge?

Answer: Read Isaiah 50:4-5 (give close attention to what is stated)

Read and study Isaiah chapters 50 & 51

The fourth attribute of Faith

The fourth attribute is to add **patience** to temperance. Be adorned with an abundance of patience. The trying of your faith, worketh patience. **And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope.** (Romans 5:3-4) KJV

But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. (Romans 8:25) KJV For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, **that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.** Now the God of

patience and consolation grant you to be like minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus (Romans 15: 4-5) KJV

Ask for patience to wait until your change come (Job 14:14)

Wait upon the LORD Isaiah, the Prophet

He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might, He increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall. **But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength**, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:31) KJV

...they shall not be ashamed that wait for me. (Isaiah 49:23) KJV

The fifth Attribute of Faith

The fifth attribute is to add **godliness** to your patience. **Because it is written, be ye holy; for I am holy.** (1 Peter 1:16) KJV

For bodily exercise profiteth little: **but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.** This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation. For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe. (1 Timothy 4:8-10) KJV

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.** And be not conformed to this world: but **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (Romans 12:1-2) KJV

The sixth Attribute of Faith

The sixth attribute is to add **brotherly kindness** to godliness. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another. (Romans 12:10) KJV Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. **Be not wise in your own conceits.** (Romans 12:16) KJV

The seventh Attribute of Faith

The seventh attribute is to add **charity** to brotherly kindness. **Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.**

Question: What is charity?

Answer:

- ☀ **Charity** suffereth long, and is kind
- ☀ Charity envieth not
- ☀ Charity vaunteth not itself
- ☀ Charity is not puffed up
- ☀ Charity doth not behave itself unseemly
- ☀ Charity seeketh not her own
- ☀ Charity is not easily provoked
- ☀ Charity thinketh no evil
- ☀ Charity rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth
- ☀ Charity beareth all things, believeth all things
- ☀ Charity hopeth all things, endureth all things
- ☀ Charity never faileth

But whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. (1 Corinthians 13:1-8)
KJV

📖 **Abound:** Flourish, be plentiful – A faithful man shall abound [flourish, be plentiful] with blessings. (Proverbs 28:20) KJV

📖 **Faith:** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen (Hebrews 11:1)

...Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations. Knowing this that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. **If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.** For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the LORD. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways (James 1:2-8) KJV

📖 **Virtue:** Moral excellence or goodness, a desirable quality

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. (Philippians 4:8) KJV

📖 **Virtue** is considered as a blessed addition to couple with faith. (2 Peter 1:3,5)
Used as power in the book of Luke. **And the whole multitude sought to touch Him: for there went virtue out of Him, and healed them all.** (Luke 6:19) KJV

📖 **Knowledge:** Truth or facts of life that a person acquires either through experience or thought. Consider the following scriptures: Psalm 46:10, John 8:31-32, Job 11:7, Romans 11:33, Psalm 19, Romans 1:19-20, I Corinthians 8:1; 13:2, Proverbs 1:7, Philippians 3:11-12, Colossians 1:10

📖 **Temperance:** Self-control of all sensual desires. See I Corinthians 9-24

📖 **Patience:** One of the nine fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). Patience is needed for endurance power i.e. tribulations (Romans 12:12). Patience is longsuffering. See Romans 2:4, 2 Peter 3:9 See also Hebrews 12:2, 12:12

📖 **Godliness:** The attributes of God, which are holy.

📖 **Brotherly kindness:** Do unto others as you would have them do unto you

📖 **Charity:** Love must abound abundantly in your life and certainly a vital element to add to your faith.

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; **Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.** And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. (Colossians 3:12-15)
KJV

📖 **Diligence:** Conscientiousness, meticulousness, attentive, thoroughness

Add to your Faith as found in the Word of the LORD

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I [Ruby Levy] proclaim glory, honor, wisdom, power, riches be unto the One True and Living God and His Holy Son, King Yahushua ha Mashiach be the GLORY from everlasting to everlasting. Amen !!!