

Classroom Sessions Revelation Lessons



Divine Teachings By Holy Spirit

- More of God - The 7 Pillars of the Divine Nature

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THE SEVEN PILLARS OF MY DIVINE NATURE

- 1 MORAL EXCELLENCE • VIRTUE
- 2 KNOWLEDGE • KNOWING GOD BETTER
- 3 SELF-CONTROL • TEMPERANCE
- 4 PERSEVERANCE • PATIENT ENDURANCE
- 5 GODLINESS • RESPECT
- 6 BROTHERLY KINDNESS • LOVE FOR OTHER CHRISTIANS
- 7 LOVE • GENUINE LOVE FOR EVERYONE

***DOING THESE, YOU WILL NEVER STUMBLE OR FALL AWAY &
GOD WILL OPEN WIDE THE GATES OF HEAVEN FOR YOU!***



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Do I Want More Of God?

Everyone says they want more of God! Every time I show this banner people's eyes light up. In discussion everyone has an affinity to want more of God and have great stories on the subject. When I was reading my Bible one day I ran across this chapter (below). The subject matter intrigued me. After cross referencing the verses and their meaning I began to document the text ideas. Take a look and see for yourself how these 7 pillars guarantee you will never stumble & God will open wide the heavens!

- *Do you want more and more of God's kindness and peace? Then turn to know Him better and better. For as you know Him better, He will give you, through His great power, everything you need for living a truly good life: He even shares His own glory and his own goodness with us! And by that same mighty power He has given us all the other rich and wonderful blessings He promised; for instance, the promise to save us from lust and rottenness all around us, and to give us His own character. But to obtain these gifts, you need more than faith; you must also work hard to be good, and even that is not enough. For then you must learn to know God better and discover what he wants you to do. Next, learn to put aside your own desires so that you will become patient and godly, gladly letting God have His way with you. This will make possible the next step, which is for you to enjoy other people and to like them, and finally you will grow to love them deeply. The more you go on in this way, the more you will grow strong spiritually and become fruitful and useful to our Lord Jesus Christ. But anyone who fails to go after these additions to faith is blind indeed, or at least very shortsighted, and has forgotten that God delivered him from the old life of sin so that now he can live a strong, good life of the Lord. 2 Peter 1:2-9 LIVING BIBLE*

If my Desire Is:

1. To be saved from lust and rottenness
2. For strength to live a truly good life
3. For rich and wonderful blessings
4. Share in God's divine nature and character
5. For more of God's kindness and peace
6. To see and witness God's glory

I Must:

1. Work hard-change my agenda to suit God
2. Learn to put aside my own desires
3. Enjoy other people and like them
4. Learn to know God better
5. Become patient & wait on God
6. Let God have His way with me

Living Bible recap offers some very simple solutions to acquiring more of God. Let's take a look at what the NIV says next.

- *"Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate (experience) in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you*

from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But if anyone does not have them, he is short-sighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins. Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” 2 Pet 1:2-11, NIV.

For This Very Reason, Make Every Effort To Add To Your Faith Goodness;

And To Goodness, Add Knowledge;
And To Knowledge, Add Self-Control;
And To Self-Control, Add Perseverance;
And To Perseverance, Add Godliness;
And To Godliness, Add Brotherly Kindness;
And To Brotherly Kindness, Add Love.

GOD’S PROMISES • YOU WILL NEVER STUMBLE

The difference between wanting more of God and having more of God is diligence to practice Jesus’ teachings and these 7 pillars of Divine Nature. Always being effective and productive, never failing and richly receiving from God are three motivating factors to practice and accomplish these and be an overcomer. In order to practice these 7 pillars, as practicing anything, we must have the knowledge and understanding of the material. Meditate on the components of each item, building understanding deeply within and begin to practice and see what God does in our lives.

THE SEVEN PILLARS OF MY DIVINE NATURE

1. moral excellence • virtue
2. knowledge • Knowing God Better
3. self-control • Temperance
4. perseverance • Patient endurance
5. godliness • Respect
6. brotherly kindness • Love for other Christians
7. love • genuine love for everyone

Doing These, You Will Never Stumble or Fall Away & God Will Open Wide the Gates of Heaven for You!

The Amplified Bible Version

3 For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue).

*4 By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the **divine nature**.*

*5 For this very reason, adding your **diligence** [to the divine promises], employ every effort in exercising your faith to develop **virtue** (excellence, resolution, Christian energy), and in [exercising] virtue [develop] **knowledge** (intelligence),*

*6 And in [exercising] knowledge [develop] **self-control**, and in [exercising] self-control [develop] **steadfastness** (patience, endurance), and in [exercising] steadfastness [develop] **godliness** (piety),*

7 And in [exercising] godliness [develop] **brotherly affection**, and in [exercising] brotherly affection [develop] Christian **love**.

8 For as these qualities are yours and increasingly abound in you, they will keep [you] from being idle or unfruitful unto the [full personal] knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

9 For whoever lacks these qualities is blind, [spiritually] shortsighted, seeing only what is near to him, and has become oblivious [to the fact] that he was cleansed from his old sins.

10 Because of this, brethren, be all the more solicitous and eager to make sure (to ratify, to strengthen, to make steadfast) your calling and election; **for if you do this, you will never stumble or fall.**

11 Thus there will be richly and **abundantly provided for you entry into the eternal kingdom** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

New American Standard Version

“seeing that **His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness**, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. Now for this very reason also, applying all **diligence**, in your **faith** supply **moral excellence**, and in your moral excellence, **knowledge**; and in your knowledge, **self-control**, and in your self-control, **perseverance**, and in your perseverance, **godliness**; and in your godliness, **brotherly kindness**, and in your brotherly kindness, **love**. For **if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful** in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, **you will never stumble**; for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be **abundantly supplied** to you.” 2 Peter 1:3-11, NASB.

WHY DO WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE DIVINE NATURE?

The 7 Pillars of the Divine Nature are very important to understand because they are intended to shape our traits, to mature us into more of a Godly person (our new heritage), in which we become overcomers of the carnal nature and all the temptations thrown at us by this world. By knowing about them, we have a much better chance of meditating on them, to internalize them. By the internalization of this knowledge it can help us to recognize and overrule the issues represented. This subject is for internal purposes only, and accommodated internally by each person them self, usually alone in mediation of the verses. Many have found this to be the difference in success and failure, just like Peter said! The practices of the publicly attended events can never replace the initiation of mediation alone.

Here is a list of the pillars in order and by definition.

PILLAR #1 • MORAL EXCELLENCE

AV - virtue 4, praise 1; 5

1) a virtuous course of thought, feeling and action

1a) virtue, moral goodness

2) any particular moral excellence, as modesty, purity

Note that all saints acquire their moral excellence from Jesus as part of their Christian lineage.

PILLAR #2 • KNOWLEDGE

AV - knowledge 28, science 1; 29

1) knowledge signifies in general intelligence, understanding

1a) the general knowledge of Christian religion

1b) the deeper more perfect and enlarged knowledge of this religion, such as belongs to the more advanced

1c) esp. of things lawful and unlawful for Christians

1d) moral wisdom, such as is seen in right living

Note that this knowledge is also recognized as experiential knowledge and not just intellectual knowledge. The greek word 1108 gnosis means to “experientially know”. Now when we see Jesus’ implications to follow Him and replicate His works we see they are undergirded by greek meanings. Also knowledge is built on truth and is the basis for our belief system, which is where we draw our faith from. So when our truth is from Jesus it has a better chance to effectively produce His works.

PILLAR #3 • SELF-CONTROL

AV - temperance 4; 4

1) self-control (the virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, esp. his sensual appetites)

Everyone knows that it is impossible to tame much of mankind’s “issues”. Which is why we replace our life instead of fix it, or regenerate it. When we confirm our new life in Christ, we get His life, which makes it much easier to get rid of those nasty foul habits we had been carrying for so long. It also explains how so many have had miraculous changes almost instantly. I’ve found it much easier to get someone to Jesus than to try and fix them. Upon entry into Jesus changes are automated. Much easier!

PILLAR #4 • PERSEVERANCE

AV - patience 29, enduring 1, patient continuance 1, patient waiting 1; 32

1) steadfastness, constancy, endurance

1a) 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

1b) patiently, and steadfastly

2) a patient, steadfast waiting for

3) a patient enduring, sustaining, perseverance

Jesus reports that “I know your deeds, your labor, and your perseverance” in Revelation 2:2.

In Revelation 2:19 Jesus reports “I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.” James 5:11 “says blessed those who have persevered”. Perseverance is a big deal. We start out waiting for God in quiet, then when we do minister we often wait on Holy Spirit for instruction, then we may have to wait on corrected instruction because we didn’t do it right. Just like every other relationship and growth curve.

PILLAR #5 • GODLINESS

AV - godliness 14, holiness 1; 15

- 1) reverence, respect
- 2) piety towards God, godliness

And to your perseverance add Godliness. I honestly never thought Godliness, divinity (divine nature) were something that I would ever think possible to experience. But when I looked up divinity for another study I discovered that divinity and divine nature were from Cognate: 2305 *theiôtēs*, defined as divinity and divine nature, properly, *deity manifested*, i.e. the *revelation* of God (His *attributes*) which *reveals* Himself for people to know. Suffice it to say that when I found out divinity and divine nature were in unison it shook my thinking. Then Holy Spirit took me through other scriptures about God making man to be like Him, how saints are at one with Jesus, how we are adopted into God's family, etc. It is a deeper issue that we think, and may take a while to gain some understanding of it.

Remember that it was Jesus who delivered the divine nature to mankind to share in divinity. Holy Spirit is our tutor to teach, equip, and empower each of us to develop all seven pillars of the divine nature and then bestow the attributes of God on as many as we can. It is an interesting lifestyle.

PILLAR #6 • BROTHERLY KINDNESS

AV - brotherly love 3, brotherly kindness 2, love of the brethren 1; 6

- 1) love of brothers or sisters, brotherly love
- 2) in the NT the love which Christians cherish for each other as brethren

And to your brotherly kindness add the love for other Christians. This has always been difficult one to understand for me. Because of the back-biting, negative rhetoric, hireling entitlement monetization and one-upmanship, and the continual disunity of the church, brotherly kindness never was a prevalent practice by leadership. On the other hand membership was the opposite. When I see how Jesus mandates unification of His followers and see the lack thereof I wonder where all this is going. So I choose to leave the leading to Jesus. It's His church. I'm just going to do what I can help others with what I know how to do. Do it freely and hope it translates positively for them. We can plant and water but it is always God that makes everything grow.

PILLAR #7 • LOVE

AV - love 86, charity 27, dear 1, charitably 1, feast of charity 1; 116

- 1) brotherly love, affection, good will, love, benevolence
- 2) love feasts

Continual agape love which is genuine love for everyone, unconditionally is a gift from God. Giving anything unconditionally is very difficult for any of us. However when we "little light" saints begin to reflect Jesus' light and bind, loose and impart God's agape love things begin to shift and we see the heavenly standards Jesus brought to earth begin to manifest. Like Jesus said, apart from Him, we're helpless. But now that we're in Him, we can choose to generate freely as often as opportunity arises.

MATTHEW HENRY COMMENTARY

Those who are diligent in the work of religion shall have a triumphant entrance into that everlasting kingdom where Christ reigns, and they shall reign with him forever and ever; and it is in the practice of every good work that we are to expect entrance to heaven. 2 Peter 1:11 Matthew Henry Commentary

Commentary

Take some time with these because they will be the difference between success and failure. Ask Holy Spirit to further enhance this subject to internalize it. These are very important issues. God Bless You!

