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## **Power And Promises**

I want to live a godly life. I want to live a life that is good and right and pleasing to you. On my own, under my own power and strength, I know that I cannot live such a life. **No one is asking you to live a godly life under your own power. You will never hear such a request from me. You are right, that would be an impossible task. Do you know how I will make you able to live a life that is good and right and pleasing to me?** Yes, I think I do. **Let me hear your thoughts. Say out loud what is on you heart and in your mind.** Your power and promises will help me to live a life that is good and right and pleasing to you. Your power and promises will help me to escape the corruption that is in the world. **Yes, they will.**

**You have more to say.** Yes, I do. You have called me to come to you. You have turned my life around. You helped me to come to know and love and follow and serve you. You have given me a burning desire to live my life with and for you. You are my Savior. You are my Lord. You have forgiven my sins. You have cleansed my unrighteousness. You have been using your power and your promises to change everything about me. **How so?** Your power and promises have changed the thoughts of my mind, words of my mouth and the deeds of my life. Your power and promises have formed the hopes and dreams and goals of my life. You have used your word to change my heart, transform my mind and guide my life. I now love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. This is not to my credit. This is not something I have accomplished. You have done this work in me. You are continuing this work in me. **Yes, I have. Yes, I am.** You have helped me to have a passionate desire to do what is pleasing to you. For that, I am very thankful. For that, I give you all the praise and honor and glory. **That is very good.**

*Lord, thank you for calling me to come to you. Thank you for helping me to come to know and love and follow and serve you. Thank you that your mighty power and great promises will give me all I need to live a godly life that is good, right and pleasing to you. Amen*

**Becoming Like Christ** *His Divine Power*

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 in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

NIV 2 Peter 1:3-4

**Becoming Like Christ** *His Divine Power*

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. 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.

NLT 2 Peter 1:3-4

**Becoming Like Christ** *His Divine Power*

His divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Thus he has given us, through these things, his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust, and may become participants of the divine nature.

NRSV 2 Peter 1:3-4

**Becoming Like Christ** *His Divine Power*

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). 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.

AMP 2 Peter 1:3-4

**Becoming Like Christ** *His Divine Power*

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, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

NASB 2 Peter 1:3-4

**Becoming Like Christ** *His Divine Power*

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

ESV 2 Peter 1:3-4

**Becoming Like Christ** *His Divine Power*

as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

NKJV 2 Peter 1:3-4

**Becoming Like Christ** *Miraculously Given To Us*

Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us by getting to know, personally and intimately, the One who invited us to God. The best invitation we ever received! We were also given absolutely terrific promises to pass on to you—your tickets to participation in the life of God after you turned your back on a world corrupted by lust.

MSG 2 Peter 1:3-4

**Becoming Like Christ** *His Divine Power*

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 the lust and rottenness all around us, and to give us his own character.

TLB 2 Peter 1:3-4

**Becoming Like Christ** *The Power Of God*

Jesus has the power of God, by which he has given us everything we need to live and to serve God. We have these things because we know him. Jesus called us by his glory and goodness. Through these he gave us the very great and precious promises. With these gifts you can share in being like God, and the world will not ruin you with its evil desires.

NCV 2 Peter 1:3-4

# His Divine Power

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Becoming Like Christ** – 2 Peter 1:3-4

**In Context:** Read 2 Peter 1

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, thank you for calling me to come to you. Thank you for helping me to come to know and love and follow and serve you. Thank you that your mighty power and great promises will give me all I need to live a godly life that is good, right and pleasing to you. Amen

**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How has coming to know and love the Lord changed the way you think, speak and act?

How has coming to know and love the Lord guided your hope and dreams and desires?

How has the power of God helped you to separate yourself from evil that is in the world?

**How are you making it your practice to take hold of the promises in God's word?**

**How has God used His word to change your heart, transform your mind and guide your life?**

**What promises of God have most helped you to be able to escape corruption in the world?**

How has a specific promise of God made you able to resist temptation and stand against evil?

**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Rely on the power and promises of God to help you to live a godly life.

**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the power and promises of God will give you all you need to live a godly life.

**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are taking hold of promises in God's word.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you rely on God's power and promises to help you to live a godly life.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will rely on your power and promises to help me to live a godly life.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I rely on your power and promises today to help me to live a godly life?*

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