

How Not To Fall?

Make your **Calling** and **Election** sure.

1. Growing **Relationship** with God. [v1-4]
2. **Supplement** your faith with 7 key traits. [v5-11]




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2. This will **result in** a life overflowing with the **Grace** and **Peace** of God.

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3. Therefore, we must **Grow** in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus.

2 Peter 3:18 (NIV) But **grow in the grace and knowledge** of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever! Amen.




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4. To grow in our relationship with God is to grow in our **Faith in God**.

2 Peter 1:1 (NIV) Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who through the righteousness of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ have **received a faith as precious as ours** ...





Growing **Relationship** with God.

GOD
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 Anointed **Worship**
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 Anointed **Word** → **You in CG** → Anointed **Works**
 Anointed **Altar** → **Anointed Body-Life** → of Faith as Priests and Kings of the Most High God



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HOW?

I. Know **God the Father**.


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1. To know means to **Participate** and to **Experience**.

Exodus 34:6-7
6 And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, **merciful** and **gracious**, **longsuffering**, and **abounding in goodness** and **truth**,
7 **keeping mercy** for thousands, **forgiving** iniquity and transgression and sin, ...




I. Know **God the Father**.

- Know the **Love** of the Father-God.

2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the **love of God**, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.


1 John 4:10 In this is love, **not that we loved God, but that He loved us** and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.



I. Know **God the Father**.

- Know that the Father-God is the Giver of every good and **Perfect** gift.

James 1:17 **Every good gift** and **every perfect gift** is from above, and comes down **from the Father** of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.



I. Know **God the Father**.

- Consequently, we must know the **Source** of our trials, pains and sufferings.

Jeremiah 9:24 But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and **knows Me, that I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness** in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord.



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Luke 11:11-13

11 If a son asks for **bread** from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for **a fish**, will he give him **a serpent** instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him **a scorpion**? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more** will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"



- II. Know the **Lord Jesus Christ**.

2 Peter 1:2b (NIV) ... through the **knowledge** God and **of Jesus our Lord**.



- II. Know the **Lord Jesus Christ**.

1. Know the **Word** of God.

- A. To build **Faith**.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**.

Romans 10:17 So then **faith** comes by hearing, and hearing **by the word of God**.



1. Know the **Word** of God.

- B. To weigh our **Attitudes** and **Motivations**.

Hebrews 4:12 For the **Word of God** is **living and powerful**, and **sharper than any two-edged sword**, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a **discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart**.

Carnal Fleshly Response OR
Christ-like Spirit-led Response



1. Know the **Word** of God.

- C. To wield as our **Spiritual Weapon**.

Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the **Sword of the Spirit**, which is the **Word of God** ...



- II. Know the **Lord Jesus Christ**.

2. Know that in Christ, we have **Right Standing** with God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, **that we might become the righteousness of God in Him**.



- II. Know the **Lord Jesus Christ**.
3. Know that the Lord Jesus is full of grace **AND** truth.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, **full of grace and truth**.



- II. Know the **Lord Jesus Christ**.
4. We must grow in Christ-likeness to be **Un-offendable**.

Luke 17:1 Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no **offenses** should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!



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Matthew 24:10-12 (KJV)
Then shall many be **offended**, and shall **betray** one another, and shall **hate** one another .. And because iniquity shall abound, the **love** of many shall **wax cold**.



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To be un-offendable, we must process the incident in a **Christ-like** manner i.e. according to the **Word** and Revelation of the **Holy Spirit**.



- II. Know the **Lord Jesus Christ**.
5. Know that the Lord Jesus is the Great **I AM**.

John 6:35 - I am the **Bread** of life.
John 8:12 - I am the **Light** of the world.
John 10:7 - I am the **Door** of the sheep.



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John 10:11 - I am the **Good Shepherd**.
John 11:25 - I am the **Resurrection** and the **Life**.
John 14:6 - I am the **Way**, the **Truth** and the **Life**.
John 15:1 - I am the **True Vine**.



III. Know the **Holy Spirit** - His **Divine Power**.

2 Peter 1:3a His **divine power** has given us everything we need for a godly life ...



III. Know the **Holy Spirit** - His **Divine Power**.

1. The Holy Spirit is in perfect, complete unity with the **Word** of God.

Matthew 22:29 Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the **Scriptures** nor the **power of God**."



1. The Holy Spirit is in perfect, complete unity with the **Word** of God.

A. He reveals the Word of God as the **Spirit of Truth**.

John 16:13 However, when He, the **Spirit of truth**, has come, He will guide you into **all truth**; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

John 17:17 Sanctify them by **Your truth**. **Your word is truth**.



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B. He reveals the Father-God as the **Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation**.

Ephesians 1:17b -18 (NIV)

17 ... may give you the **Spirit of wisdom and revelation**, so that you may **know him better**. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be **enlightened** ..



III. Know the **Holy Spirit** - His **Divine Power**.

2. Know the Holy Spirit as our **Alongsider - Comforter**.

1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you**, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?



2. Know the Holy Spirit as our **Alongsider - Comforter**.

John 14:16-18

16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another **Helper, that He may abide with you forever**—
17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for **He dwells with you and will be in you**. 18 **I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you**.



III. Know the **Holy Spirit** - His **Divine Power**.

3. Know the Holy Spirit as our **Power**.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of **power** and of love and of a sound mind.



3. Know the Holy Spirit as our **Power**.

A. To overcome **Fear**.

Romans 8:15-16

15 For you did not receive the **spirit of bondage** again to **fear**, but you received the **Spirit of adoption** by whom we cry out, "**Abba, Father.**" **16** The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are **children of God** ...



3. Know the Holy Spirit as our **Power**.

B. To enable us to **Walk in Victory**.

Romans 8:1-2

1 There is therefore now **no condemnation** to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. **2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me **free from the law of sin and death**.



3. Know the Holy Spirit as our **Power**.

C. To empower us to **Minister to Others**.

1 Peter 4:11 If anyone speaks, let him **speak as the oracles of God**. If anyone **ministers**, let him do it as **with the ability which God supplies**, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.



IV. Know His precious **Promises**.

2 Peter 1:4 (NIV) Through these he has given us his very great and **precious promises**, so that through them you may **participate in the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.



IV. Know His precious **Promises**.

Examples of Promises:

1. Removing **Obstacles** in our lives [Proverbs 3:5-6].
2. **Protection** [1 John 5:18; Ephesians 4:27].
3. **Provision** [Matthew 6:33; Hebrews 4:16; 2 Corinthians 9:10].



IV. Know His precious **Promises**.

Examples of Promises:

4. **Peace** [Luke 10:5-6; John 20:21-22].
5. **Healing and Health** [Psalm 107:20; Proverbs 3:8; Proverbs 4:22].
6. **Salvation of Household** [Acts 16:31].



Matthew 7:24-27

24 "Therefore whoever **hears** these sayings of Mine, and **does** them, I will liken him to a **wise man** who **built his house on the rock**: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it **did not fall**, for it was **founded on the rock**. 26 "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does **not do them**, will be like a **foolish** man who built his **house on the sand**: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and **it fell**. And **great was its fall!**"