



Praying Parents Prayer Group Christian Ministry

3pG Preparatory Prayers and Lessons – SECRETS OF SPIRITUAL STABILITY

Thursday 29th August 2019 - Day 2

BUILDING BLOCK 1: VIRTUE

Breaking of Bread: 2 Peter 1:1-5, 8, 10-11

Cambridge Dictionary **defines virtue as a good moral quality in a person, or the general quality of being morally good.**

Oxford Dictionary **defines virtue as an attractive or useful quality or habit in a person.**

Virtues are our desirable, noble and honourable qualities that are capable of attracting others to our covenant and to the God of our covenant. Where they are absent, we will be like a salt that have lost its savour or like light that are dark, that is neither appealing nor attractive to our children nor to our friends and neighbours. A life of faith that's void of virtues is unacceptable to God. Patience is a virtue, same is honesty and integrity, goodness, simplicity, decency, modesty in all things, purity, chastity, respectability, accountability, giving, being merciful to others, being at peace with oneself and with others, etc.

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Virtue without faith is sensual, ungodly and vain, and a recipe for pride, so also faith without virtue is never of God. Christians don't build faith on virtue, we build virtue on faith. That's the different between us and the non-Christian man/woman. Virtue is the first building block a Christian must carefully place and diligently build on his/her precious faith.

Thanksgiving:

Sing and Praise God for chosen you to hear and pray through these truths. Thank Him for opening your eyes and given your hearts understanding of scriptural mysteries.

Theme Song:

1. My hope is built on nothing less

**Than Jesus' blood and
righteousness;**

**I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

2. When He shall come with trumpet sound,

**Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!**

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

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People are increasingly finding it easier going into business partnership (and even marital relationship) with unbelievers than with believers due to past betrayers of trust but God called us first and foremost to glory and virtue (to shine for Him as light in the world through our good behavior i.e. our virtues, and as salt through our godly habits and lifestyles) having given us exceeding great and precious promises as covenant carriers and partakers of the divine

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nature (virtue). If we lack these things, our feet will slide and our place in His Kingdom might be threatened (2 Peter 1:8-12).

Philippians 4:8 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.

Ephesians 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

- a. Father give me a renew mind for a virtuous living in Jesus Name. Amen
- b. I'm a partaker of divine nature because I'm a covenant carrier in Jesus Name.
- c. I have a renew mind, my thoughts will be honest, just, pure and of good report among friends and family in Jesus Name.

2 Peter 1:3 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:

2 Peter 1:4 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.

- d. I have been called to glory and virtue, my life shall be the attractive light that will encourage and shine on my children, family members, neighbors and friends to see the God of my covenant in Jesus Christ Mighty Name. Amen
- e. By me, and by my virtuous living, others will be attracted to the Covenant of Words and all the benefits therein in Jesus Christ Mighty Name. Amen
- f. I'm a partaker of divine nature, I will not slide into the corruption (vices) that are in the world through lusts and vices again in Jesus Name.

2 Peter 1:5 "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue..."

It takes a lot of hard work and diligence to add virtue to faith. It takes determination, and being intentional in wanting to be above board. Christianity is cheap and unattractive when the virtuous life is empty. A life without virtue cannot see God (2 Peter 1:12). Yet by strength shall no man prevail.

h. I will always do my best to daily add virtue to the precious faith gracefully given to me in Jesus Christ, in Jesus Name. Amen

1 Peter 2:12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

i. My lifestyle and manner of speaking shall be full of honesty and by my good works, men and women shall glorify God in Jesus Name. Amen

1 Peter 3:1-2 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

j. I will be an example of virtuous life, I say no to dishonest lifestyle, I will not be the reason for my spouse or children or anyone else to run away from the gospel of Jesus Christ in Jesus Name. Amen

Matthew 5:13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

k. I'm the salt in my family and to the world around me, I shall not lose my savour (sweetness, virtues) in Jesus Name. Amen

l. I will not be a good for nothing covenant carrier, I refuse to lose my physical and spiritual relevance in the lives of people God has put around me in Jesus Name. Amen

Mark 9:50 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.

Jesus said, have salt (virtues) in yourself and have the (virtue) of peace with others.

m. I shall have salt in myself, and by me my family and others will imbibe the virtue of peace in Jesus Christ Mighty Name.

Matthew 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

n. I'm a city set on a hill, the lights of my virtues will no longer be hidden, they will appear for all to see and my good works shall glorify God the Father in Jesus Christ Mighty Name. Amen

Romans 12:1-2 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.

o. I'm a living sacrifice, out of me shall flow rivers of living virtues that are living proof of the acceptable and perfect will of God in Jesus Name. Amen

Philippians 4:9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

p. My children will learn and receive virtues of me, they will cultivate to themselves virtues they heard and see in me and the God of peace shall be with each of them in Jesus Christ Mighty Name. Amen and Amen

q. Add your personal and family prayer requests.

r. Cover all prayers with the Blood of Jesus Christ and seal them with Amen.

May you not be counted among them who draw back unto perdition, may your feet not fall off the grace of Jesus Christ and May you by Him find strength and grace for spiritual stability, now and always in Jesus Christ Mighty Name. Amen and Amen

Happy Covenant of Words - Isaiah 59:21

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