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The Power of Faith

Faith thrives when facing the unseen things. And we ALL, as believers in Christ, have been granted a measure of faith. Rom 12:3

Faith unlocks His Power

It's not that God will give us everything we need, He has already given us everything we need, and we can access it by faith. Eph 1:3

Sin Ability (Latin)

- Non Posse Peccare: "not able to sin" (God)
- Posse Non Peccare: "able not to sin" (Jesus + regenerate)
- Non Posse Non Peccare: "not able not to sin" (unregenerate)

Heb 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

Jas 1:13

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil [Jesus' humanity was temptable - ala Heb 4:15], and He Himself does not tempt anyone.

Pastor Collins wrote a blog, called our "Our Asymptotic Existence", which you can find on the Publications page, in his book "The Diary of a Journeyman".

*** Asymptote diagram ***

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"Consider God's desire for His children as the asymptote. In other words, His desire is for all of us to be perfected. The Bible often uses the words "complete" or "perfect" to describe God's ultimate goal for man."

The Power of Faith

Faith has the power to take us everywhere, if it's in Christ!

2Co 5:7 for we walk by faith, not by sight -

Gal 5:16-17

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for

these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

Walking Directions

Since most people don't know where to begin looking, He also gave spiritual gifts for the specific purpose of guiding believers (giving them directions regarding walking, telling them which way to go). Eph 4:11-12

Stalled?

Some have stalled and fallen short by wrongly supposing that the end-goal is simply to keep learning and learning and learning...

Go For It!

Evangelize as if there were no tomorrow! Live in the imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (1Th 5:1-11), because it is imminent! Evangelize as if someone else's life depends upon it, because it does! And remember Jesus' words, "...and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

1Th 5:8

But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.

Sanctified As Evangelists

If spreading the good news is our chief objective, then we must also ask ourselves what, exactly, might be the reason why we aren't doing more of it?

The Wrong Occupation

What are you NOT doing when you're losing sleep over the details of life???...you're NOT spreading the Gospel!

Perspective

In our few days left on earth, what will be our final legacy in God's eyes?

Lk 20:25

And He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

Embrace His peace

"My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you".