

# GoLife100 | Lesson 10

## Life As Discovery: Add to Your Faith Virtue

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### **THIS LESSON FOCUSES ON**

the foundations of faith and virtue in a believer's life which allow us to stand in integrity as we take our place as a prophetic voice to our culture.

### **THIS LESSON IS IMPORTANT**

**BECAUSE** without the right foundation in God, all that we know and all that we intend to accomplish will be fruitless or even destructive, and we will be ineffective in fulfilling God's purposes for us.

### ***CASE STUDY:***

*You notice a friend at church who is looking disturbed. You go and ask her how she is doing. She responds by sharing with you her frustration with a family situation and explains, "I know that if I had more faith, I would not have to deal with problems like this."*

### ***CASE STUDY REFLECTIONS:***

*What would you say or do to help your friend? What about her perspective is going to set her up to find herself in this situation?*

### **MAKE YOUR CASE:**

What role do problems play in helping us "add" experientially to what God has given us potentially?

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### I. [2 Peter 1:1-11](#)

- A. We are recipients of divine life by virtue of God's grace.
- B. We enter divine life through personal knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- C. We already have everything that pertains to life and godliness.
- D. We "add" experientially what has been given to us and is already ours potentially.

### II. Rewards for "adding" and penalties for ignoring:

- A. Fascinating vs. Boring
- B. Fruitful vs. Barren
- C. Farsighted vs. Blind
- D. Free vs. Bound
- E. Diligently "adding" proves your election and establishes Kingdom privileges.

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### *Define a Term:*

**PROMISE:** *To make a declaration to another, which binds the promisor in honor, conscience or law, to do or forbear some act. (Webster's 1828)*

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### III. "Add" to your faith.

- A. Faith is the foundation for shared divine life that produces growth in us and glory for God.
  - 1. [Matthew 5:16](#): *Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.*
  - 2. [Joshua 2](#): The faith testimony of Rahab.
- B. The ingredients to faith living are:
  - 1. Problem
  - 2. Provision
  - 3. Promise
- C. A promise is no good without confidence in the one who makes the promise.
  - 1. [Galatians 3:13-29](#)
  - 2. [Romans 4:18-21](#)

**Anything  
that is  
not doing  
what it was  
designed to  
do is bored.**

#### IV. Add virtue to your faith.

- A. Virtue is internal purity or integrity.
- B. All human transformation happens from the inside to the outside ([Colossians 3:1-17](#)).
  - 1. Transformation begins with what you choose to see.
  - 2. We must see ourselves as in Christ, seated in authority and a place of favor.
  - 3. We must see ourselves as chosen, holy, and beloved.
- C. When our heart, head, mind, and body are aligned with eternal truth, virtue results.

**Without  
virtue in  
your life  
knowledge  
will corrupt  
you.**

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#### *Memory Verse:*

*“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 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.”*

*—[2 Peter 1:2-4](#)*

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### *Homework:*

1. What does this lesson have to do with building a Christian worldview?
2. Give an example of a particular promise which you are standing on in God.
3. In your own words, explain what Dudley meant when he stated that problems are an essential part of God's plan.
4. How do you see yourself in Christ?

### *Listening Test:*

1. When things get bad, grace gets \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. bigger
  - b. smaller
  - c. inferior
2. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is not based upon your memory.
  - a. salvation
  - b. knowledge
  - c. intelligence
3. Practice makes \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. perfect
  - b. possible
  - c. permanent
4. You were designed to produce \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. money
  - b. fruit
  - c. accomplishments