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Add to self-control .... perseverance - 2 Peter 1:6

## **2 Peter 1**

**3 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. 4 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.**

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**5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge;  
6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness;  
7 and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.**

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**8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.**

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**10 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

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## **Romans 5**

**1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,**

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**His Spirit  
in Us**

## **Ephesians 3**

**16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being**

**Peace with God**

**His Word**



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**John 17**

**17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.**

Peace with God

His Word

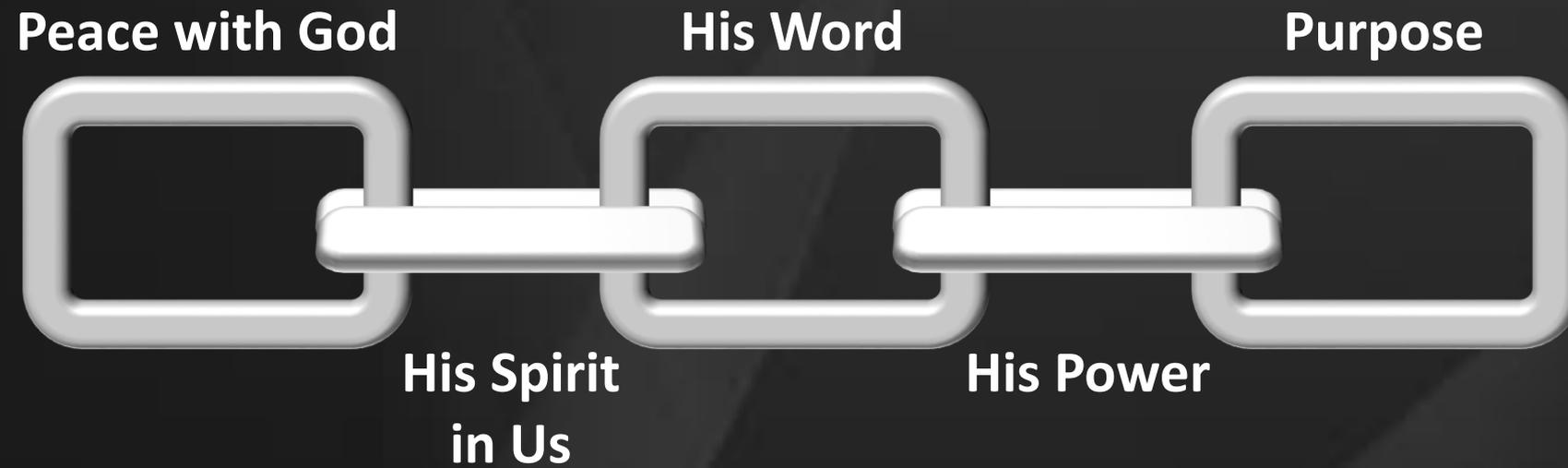


His Spirit  
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His Power

**John 4**

**Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.**



## Ephesians 2

10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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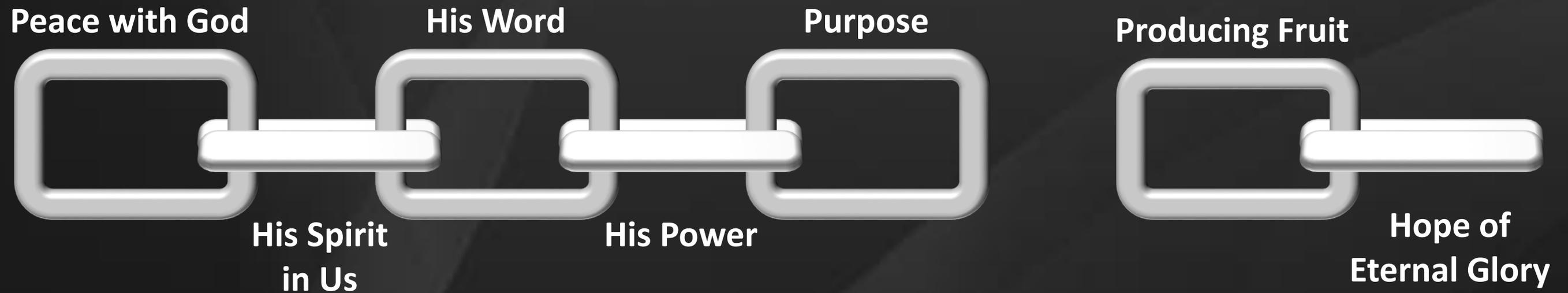
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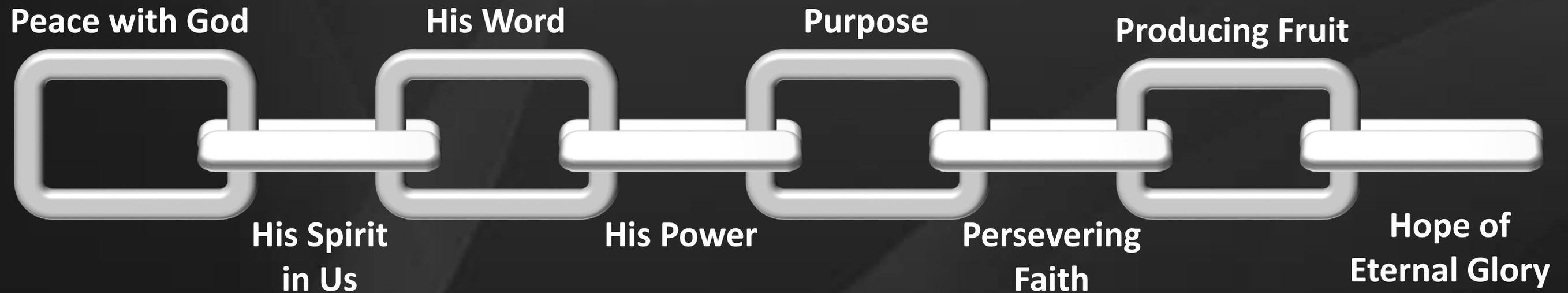
**John 15**

**16 ...I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last**



## 1 Corinthians 2

9 “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard,  
and what no human mind has conceived” —  
the things God has prepared for those who love him—



## James 2

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

## Persevering Faith

Matthew 10: 22 You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up

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James 1:12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

Luke 8:15 But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

## Persevering in....

Trials and hardships

Persecution

Reaping what you've sown

Worldly distractions and pleasures

Sin strongholds and temptation

Spiritual forces of darkness

False teaching

## Hebrews 10

**23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.**

**1. Be embedded in a group of sincere believers where you can be encouraged, inspired, loved and corrected**

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**2. Invest in the Kingdom (into others)**

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**26 If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, 27 but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.**

**3. Deal with willful, intentional sin**

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**4. Constantly distinguish between temporary and eternal**

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### **5. Suffering produces perseverance**

**Romans 5:2** And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. **3** Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; **4** perseverance, character; and character, hope. **5** And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

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**36 You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. 37 For, “In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay.”**

**38 And, “But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back.”**

**39 But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.**

**6. Develop a fighter's mentality**

**1 Corinthians 9:24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. 25 Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. 26 Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. 27 No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.**

## **1 Timothy 6**

**11 But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.**

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**7. Daily focus on Christ and the results of the cross**

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**8. Cultivate a longing for your eternal reward**

## Hebrews 12

**6 ... Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.” 7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children.**

**11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.**

**9. Understand that He is molding you into the likeness of His Son**

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