



II Peter 1: 3-4 NIV/NLT

His divine power has given us **everything** we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness . . . These are the promises that **enable you to share His divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires**



II Peter 1: 5 – 7 NIV

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, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.



II Peter 1: 8 NIV

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.



“PERSEVERANCE”

**Steadfastness in doing something
despite difficulty or delay in
achieving success**



II THESS 3: 5

- **NLT:** “*May the Lord lead your hearts into a full understanding and expression of the love of God and the **patient endurance that comes from Christ.***”
- **NIV:** “*May the Lord direct your hearts into God’s love and **Christ perseverance***”



Phillippians 1:6 AMP

“He Who began a good work in you will continue until the day of Jesus Christ - right up to the time of His return - developing [that good work] in perfecting and bringing it to full completion in you!”



God is not only the Beginner of
all things He's the Finisher of all
things . . . Being the original
finisher, He will persevere!



Two words Jesus never wants to
hear from one of His disciples:
“ I quit”



Without Christ and His power, a non-Christian lacks what it takes to change permanently. They don't because they can't! That is fact . . . Their can't is a valid excuse!



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Phillippians 4:13 NASB

*“ I can do all things through Him
Who strengthens me ”*



2 Corinthians 12:9 NASB

“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.”

Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me. . .



I Corinthians 10:13 NASB

“No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you’re able, but with the temptation *will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it*”



For we Christians who have
Christ and His power within,
can't is no longer a valid
excuse!



**Is there a “won’t” in your life
that you have been calling a
“can’t” ?**



How do I receive the perseverance that comes from Christ?



How do I receive the perseverance that comes from Christ?

- I must have complete confidence that Jesus can strengthen me to endure anything!
- I must have complete confidence that I can do absolutely nothing without the power of Christ!



Hebrews 10:36 NIV

You need to persevere so that when you've done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised...

