

# Notes used in the Message

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15-0125am - Stature Of A Perfect Man Pt.7 (Add to your Faith Temperance and Patience) - Wade Dale

## II PETER 1:1-10

- » 1 † ¶ Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:
- » 2 † Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,
- » 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:
- » 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.
- » 5 † ¶ And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;
- » 6 † And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;
- » 7 † And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.
- » 8 † For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- » 9 † But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.
- » 10 † Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

## EPHESIANS 4: 11-13

- » 11 † And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- » 12 † For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
- » 13 † Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

## HEBREWS 5:14

- » 14 † But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

## HEBREWS 6:1-3

- » 1 † ¶ Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,
- » 2 † Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.
- » 3 † And this will we do, if God permit.

## HEBREWS 11:6

- » 6 † But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

## HEBREWS 11:1

- » 1 † ¶ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

## 1) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY\_

- « 102 † Notice, you must be born again. And when you're born again, you can't be born again without having faith. That's right. So, you see, on my chart here, I got the very foundation, faith is the foundation of all of it. "For without faith it's impossible to please God. He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him." See? He must be. And when you're a skeptic of the Bible, when you're skeptic of the Word being right, you just might as well stay back until first you believe it.

**103** What is sin? Unbelief. There's only two elements that controls the human being. That's either doubt or faith, one or the other. **You're possessed of one that dominates your life. Just depends on how much faith you have, how high you can rise.**

« **104** † But, first, it's got to be faith. Let me stay on that foundation for a while. Now, faith is what you must believe. Faith is what... "Faith is the substance of things hoped for." It's, you already have it when you have faith, because it's revealed in faith. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for," Hebrews 11, see, "the evidence." What is it? What kind of an evidence? A holy evidence.

**ROMANS 10:17**

» **17** † **So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

**2) 64-0802 THE.FUTURE.HOME.OF.THE.HEAVENLY.BRIDEGROOM.AND.THE.EARTHLY.BRIDE\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-5 SUNDAY\_**

« **100** † How striking now, He takes the place where we are to dwell in, through the same process.

**101** Now, He's called the Church through justification, called It through sanctification, then filled It with the Holy Ghost and Fire. And He took It through a process, that He Himself, the Holy Spirit Himself, the Son of God, could dwell in the human heart. Now, It has to go through that before He can come into It.

**3) CHAPTER NINE THE LAODICIAN CHURCH AGE. THE SALUTATION**

**Take a good look around you. Examine the people as they walk by. In the multitudes you see, can you pick out those that have the appearance of Christians?** Watch how they dress, watch how they act, hear what they say, see where they go. Surely there ought to be some real evidence of the new birth amongst all those we see go by. But few there be. Yet today the fundamental churches are telling us they have millions saved and even Spirit-filled. Spirit-filled? Can you call women Spirit-filled who go around with frizzy bobbed hair, shorts and slacks, halters and briefs, all painted up like Jezebel? If these are adorned in modest apparel as becometh Christian women, I would hate to think what it would be like if I had to witness a display of immodesty.

**MARK 5: 30**

» **30** † And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that **virtue** had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?

**GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1411**

**1411** » **dunamis** {doo'-nam-is} duvnamib from 1410; TDNT -- 2:284,186; n f

**AV** -- power (77)

-- mighty work (11)

-- strength (7)

-- miracle (7)

-- might (4)

-- virtue (3)

-- mighty (2)

-- misc. (9) [120]

**1) strength power, ability**

**1a) inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth**

**1b) power for performing miracles**

**1c) moral power and excellence of soul**

**ACTS 1: 8**

» **8** † But ye shall **receive power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

4) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY\_ << 144 † The Bible said, we read over here in the Book of Luke, where It said, "Virtue went out of Him." That right? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] If we're going to be like Him, we must have virtue, then. We must have it, to be like Him. Is the first song that I ever loved, in--in the hymns, one of the greatest, was, To Be Like Jesus. Well, if I'm going to be like Jesus, I've got to have virtue, and a pass that it can pass forward from me to the people. Because, "Virtue went out of Him to the people." Virtue! And before you can let it out, you've got to have it first. You haven't got it, it won't come out. There's nothing for it to come out of.

145 What if someone tried to draw virtue out of us, and the check would return "insufficient funds"? See? No, no, none there to draw from, check bounced. Somebody looking at you as a Christian, and tomorrow see you out here carrying on like a sinner, not much virtue can be drawn from that. See? Right.  
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#### PROVERBS 1: 7

>> 7 † ¶ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

#### PROVERBS 24: 5

>> 5 † A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.

1108 >> gnosis {gno'-sis} gnw'siB from 1097; TDNT -- 1:689,119; n f

AV -- knowledge (28)

-- science (1) [29]

1) knowledge signifies in general intelligence, understanding: the general knowledge of Christian religion, the deeper more perfect and enlarged knowledge of this religion, such as belongs to the more advanced, especially of things lawful and unlawful for Christians; moral wisdom, such as is seen in right living

1097 >> ginosko {ghin-oc'e'-ko} ginwvskw a prolonged form of a primary verb; TDNT -- 1:689,119; v

AV -- know (196)

-- perceive (9)

-- understand (8)

-- misc (10) [223]

1) to learn to know, come to know, get a knowledge of perceive, feel

2) to know, understand, perceive, have knowledge of

2a) to understand

2b) to know

3) Jewish idiom for sexual intercourse between a man and a woman

5) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY\_

<< 160 † And then, thirdly, you add knowledge. Knowledge, now, that don't mean worldly knowledge, 'cause that's foolishness to God; but knowledge to judge, judge (what?) right from wrong. How do you judge it, then, if you've got Christian knowledge with your virtue and faith? You judge whether the Word is right or wrong. And if you can lay aside all your creeds, and all your unbelief, everything that you claim you have done, then you have knowledge to believe that God cannot lie. "Let every man's word be a lie, but Mine be true." See? Now you're getting knowledge. That's supreme knowledge. You don't have to have four degrees in some college, or something like that, to have it, because all these virtues are given to you by God, to place upon the foundation of your faith, that you might come to the full stature of a real, living man of God. Yes, sir.

6) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY\_

<< 166 † Oh, you're getting to be a pretty good man right now. See? You're coming up, see. What with? With faith, then with virtue, then knowledge. See how it's building this man? You can see there's no--no way escaping it. This is the way to become in the full stature of Christ. Yes, sir.

167 To judge, judge right. Judge whether it's right or wrong, to believe God's Word. Judge whether it's right or wrong, whether I should serve a creed or serve God. Judge whether it's right or wrong, I should be born again or join a church. Then you beginning. Judge right, when the preacher says, "The days of miracles is passed." The Bible said, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." Now which you going to believe?

**7) 57 – 0805 GOD MANIFESTING HIS GIFTS EDMONTON. AB MONDAY**

« E-14 † And, oh, may I stop here just a moment to say, that I believe that these nations are now getting their last mercy call. I believe it. I'm on record and on tape by saying that. But I believe it with all my heart, that there's not a person on earth who could ever shake this thing back to its conditions again. It'll take the move of God, the second coming of Jesus Christ. Look at the indifference in the people today. Look how unconcerned they are: eating, drinking, marrying, given in marriage, just as it was predicted, "Having a form of godliness and denying the power thereof," the Bible said, "from such turn away." **Very religious, they've always been very religious, but not having the spiritual insight to understand. That's the main thing. That's the thing that designates your eternal destination, is your spiritual conception.**

**8) « 16-1 † THE.REVELATION.OF.JESUS.CHRIST - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.1**

You will recall that I mentioned at the beginning of this message that this Book we are studying is the actual revelation of Jesus, Himself, in the church and His work in the future ages. Then I mentioned that it takes the Holy Spirit to give us revelation or we will fail to get it. **Bringing these two thoughts together you will see that it won't take just ordinary study and thinking to make this Book real. It is going to take the operation of the Holy Ghost. That means this Book can't be revealed to anyone but a special class of people. It will take one with prophetic insight. It will require the ability to hear from God. It will require supernatural instruction, not just a student comparing verse with verse, though that is good. But a mystery requires the teaching of the Spirit or it never becomes clear. How we need to hear from God and lay ourselves open and become yielded to the Spirit to hear and know.**

**TEMPERANCE**

**GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1466**

**1466 » egkrateia {eng-krat'-i-ah} ejkravteia from 1468; TDNT -- 2:339,196; n f**

**AV -- temperance (4)**

**1) self control (the virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, especially his sensual appetites)**

**GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1467**

**1467 » egkrateuomai {eng-krat-yoo'-om-ahee} ejkrateuomai middle voice from 1468;**

**TDNT -- 2:339,196; vb**

**AV -- can contain (1)**

**-- be temperate (1) [2]**

**1) to be self-controlled, continent; to exhibit self government, conduct, one's self temperately (in a figure drawn from athletes, who in preparing themselves for the games abstained from unwholesome food, wine, and sexual indulgence)**

**GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1468**

**1468 » egkrates {eng-krat-ace'} ejkrathvβ from 1722 and 2904; TDNT -- 2:339,196; adj**

**AV -- temperate (1)**

**1) strong, robust**

**2) having power over, possessed of (a thing)**

**3) mastering, controlling, curbing, restraining; controlling one's self, temperate, continent**

**MARK 4:35-41**

» 35 † ¶ And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

» 36 † And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

» 37 † And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

» 38 † And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

» 39 † And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

» 40 † And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

» 41 † And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

## **TITUS 1: 7-9**

- » 7 † For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;
- » 8 † But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;
- » 9 † Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

## **TITUS 2: 1-2**

- » 1 † ¶ But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:
- » 2 † That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

## **9) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY\_**

« 219 † Fourthly. We'll have to hurry, because I'm just... It just feels so good to stand here and talk about it. Amen. [A brother says, "We're enjoying it."--Ed.] Yeah. Fourthly... Thank you.

220 Add "temperance." Oh, my! We've come to temperance. Now, you've had faith, first; have to have that, to begin with. Then you add virtue to your faith, if it's the right kind of virtue. Then you add knowledge, if it's the right kind of knowledge. Now you're going to add temperance.

221 Temperance doesn't mean, "stop drinking alcohol," here, either. No, no. Temperance doesn't mean alcoholic cure, not in this case. This is Bible temperance, Holy Spirit temperance. That's just one of the lust of the flesh, but we're talking about Holy Spirit temperance. That means, how to control your tongue, not be a tattler; how to control your temper, not fly off every time anybody speaks cross to you. Oh, my!

222 Boy, a lot of us going to fall off before we get started, aren't we? See? Then we wonder why God is not in His Church, doing miracles and things that they used to do. Yes, sir. See?

« 223 † Add these things. Add temperance to it. Oh, temperance, how to answer in kindness when wrath is spoke to you. Somebody say, "You bunch of holy-rollers down there!" Don't jump out and roll up your sleeves now. See? Not that. But talk with godly love, temperance, kindness. Is that the way you want to be? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] When you're riled upon, rile not back. Let Him be your example.

224 When they said, "If Thou be the Son of God, turn these stones into bread," He could have done it, and show He was God. But He had temperance. When they called Him, "Beelzebub," He said, "I'll forgive you for it." That right? They pulled handfuls of beard out of His face, and spit in His face, and said, "Come down off the cross!"

225 He said, "Father, forgive them. They don't even know what they're doing."

## **10) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY\_**

227 Now, if you got it like that, add it to your faith. If you still blow up and sass, and fuss, and stew, and carry on, huh-uh, you ain't got no... You can't add that, 'cause it won't add. See? It won't vulcanize. You couldn't take a piece of rubber, you know, and vulcanize it to a piece of iron. It just won't work. No, it's got to be flexible, just like the rubber is. See? And when your faith and your temperance becomes the same kind of Holy Ghost temperance that He had, then it will vulcanize with Him. You're added to it.

When your virtue is like His virtue, then it'll add to it.

« 228 † When your knowledge is like His knowledge, "I come to do Thy will, O God." See? With the Father's Word, He defeated every devil. Heavens and earth will pass away, but the Word will not. See? When you got that kind of knowledge, it'll vulcanize with your faith.

229 When you got the right kind of temperance, like He had, it'll vulcanize. If you haven't, just a man-made halfway, soused-up belief, or temperance, "Oh, I ought to slap him down, but--but maybe I better not, 'cause they might put my name in the paper about it." That ain't the kind of temperance He's talking about. Don't try to add that. It won't work. But when you can really, with the sweetness from your heart, forgive every man, hold your peace, let it be gone, see, then it'll vulcanize. You can add that to your faith. Whew!

## **PATIENCE CHART**

### **PATIENCE FAITH, ENDURING**

#### **LUKE 21:19**

- » 19 † In your patience possess ye your souls.

## GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5281

5281 » hupomone {hoop-om-on-ay'} uJpomohv from 5278; TDNT -- 4:574,581; n f  
AV -- patience (29)

-- enduring (1)

-- patient continuance (1)

-- patient waiting (1) [32]

1) steadfastness, constancy, endurance: in the NT the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings: patiently, and steadfastly

2) a patient, steadfast waiting for

3) a patient enduring, sustaining, perseverance

## ROMANS 5: 1-4

» 1 † ¶ Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

## ROMANS 5:2-4

» 2 † By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

» 3 † And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

» 4 † And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

## HEBREWS 10:36

» 36 † For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

## HEB. 12: 1-2

» 1 † ¶ Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

» 2 † Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

## JAMES 1:2-4

» 2 † ¶ My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

» 3 † Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

» 4 † But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

## 11) 57-0113 WHAT DOES IT TAKES TO MAKE A CHRISTIAN LIFE CHICAGO, IL

« E-35 † The Holy Spirit will make every movement like Christ. It'll make you Christ-like.

The fruits of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, goodness, meekness, gentleness, patience, faith. Those things are what the Holy Spirit controls, **our emotions**.

Our emotions is not so much as jumping up-and-down. You could do that. A shindig will bring that to you. But the Holy Spirit brings you into operation, or in control of God, that you walk in peace and in love and in joy with longsuffering, goodness, meekness, gentleness, patience. You see? **It isn't something that you do. It's something the Holy Spirit does in you. You see, it's no longer an intellectual thought of your own; it's a subconscious moving of the Holy Spirit. Oh, I wish I could shout the praises of God around the world to that.**

Church of the living God, there's where our Pentecostal move failed. We have some man-made musical, clap hands, jump up-and-down emotion. When if we go back out on the street and the Holy Spirit doesn't govern our lives to cooperate with that, we have not got the Holy Spirit. That's not skim milk. But, brother, that's what the church needs. Only life can come by the Holy Spirit.

## 12) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY\_

« 231 † Then, after that, **fourthly, you want to add patience to your faith. If you got faith, "it worketh patience," the Bible said. See? So, this is patience.** Now, that's the next thing is going to build this stature. You know, God has got real material in His Building.

232 See how short we are, brother, sister? See? See why, where we're at? Yes, sir. See? We have glory, have shouts and things, because we got faith. But when we come down to these things here, God can't build us into that stature. See? He can't. He can't make us up to that kind of a place. We got all these other things. We fall, slide off with it. See? He can't build His Church.

« 233 † Patience with what? What kind of patience? First thing, is have patience with God. If you've got real, genuine faith, you'll have real genuine patience, because faith worketh patience. When God says anything, you believe it. That's all. You got patience.

234 Say, "Well, I asked Him last night to heal me, and I'm just as sick this morning." Oh, my! What patience?

235 God told Abraham, and twenty-five years later there wasn't even one sign. He was still believing. He was patient with God. Uh-huh.

236 Put Him always before you. Let Him be the next crossing thing. You can't cross Him, so just keep Him before you. "He said so, and it's going to happen." See? Keep Him before you. That's right.

« 237 † Noah had patience. Yeah. Noah had real, godly patience. God said, "I'm going to destroy this world with rain," and Noah preached a hundred and twenty years, yet. Plenty of patience. Not even dew fell from Heaven. Wasn't nothing. Just as dusty as it ever was, for a hundred and twenty years, but he was patient.

Then, God tries your patience. That's right. God tries them.

13) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY\_

« 275 † And we should have patience with one another, too. See? One time... We get--we get so much impatient with one another's. We think we got to be like Moses. Moses had patience with the people. Look, that's what caused them not to go over. See? If you're trying to do something...

276 Like, I've tried to get this Message over at the tabernacle, to see that each member of the tabernacle become This. It's hard to do. I've tried to have patience; this is thirty-three years. See? Have patience. Women still bob their hair, still just the same. But just have patience. See? Just have patience. Wait. Have to. If you ain't got it, don't try to build on this down here. Have patience.

14) 64-0119 SHALOM\_ PHOENIX.AZ V-22 N-1 SUNDAY\_

« 111 † Some people says, "But, Brother Branham, I have tried and I have tried."

112 But wait a minute. Patience is virtue. Patience is Holy Spirit virtue. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

113 You say, "How can I wait any longer?" Just keep on waiting. When you've done all you can do to stand, then stand, see, just stand. "How am I going to do it?" Stand! He said it's the Truth, and it's the Truth. He said it'll happen. "How?" I don't know; but it'll happen. He said so. He promised it. If He promised it, it's going to happen. That's all. It can't waste.

114 So now just remember, God took thousands of years to fulfill His promise of a coming Saviour. Four thousand years, God took to fulfill that promise. But He knowed, from the beginning, just when it was going to happen. He knew; no one else did. He just said it would happen. And when it happened, the people was in such a delusion, till they didn't know how to accept it. If that same thing hasn't repeated again! It always does, never fails, both sides, always.

15) « 224-1 † THYATIREAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.6

"I know your faith." Now he does not say here as He did to the church in Pergamos, "you hold MY faith". He is not talking about His faith now, but He is commending them for their faithfulness. And as He does He also mentions their 'patience.' Now faithfulness and patience go together.

In fact patience is the outcome of faithfulness, for it says in James 1:3,

"The trying of your faith worketh patience."

There is absolutely no other way in which to gain patience. It has to come by the trial of our faith.

Romans 5:3,

"Tribulation worketh patience."

How highly God regards this outworking of our patience is seen in James 1:4,

"But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire lacking nothing."

God's will for us is Perfection. And that perfection is patience--waiting on God and waiting for God.

This is the process of character development. How highly God has commended these saints of the Dark Ages