

John 3:30

“He must increase, but I must decrease.”

Philippians 2:12b

-....Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear.

Truth:

We are called to a higher standard than we will naturally pursue.

Question:

What does this hard work look like on a practical level?

Topic: Modesty and Moderation

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Moderation, is defined as *avoiding extremes of behavior or expression, observing reasonable limits.*

Three Main Obstacles:

Willful disobedience as a disciple

Lack of bible knowledge

Lack of intentional faith formation

Two Main Obstacles:

Willful disobedience as a disciple

Lack of intentional faith formation

2 Peter 1:1-10

Simeon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ:

To those who have received a faith equal to ours through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.

May grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. By these He has given us very great and precious promises, so that through them you may share in the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire.

2 Peter 1:1-10

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with goodness, goodness with knowledge, knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with godliness, godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being useless or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. The person who lacks these things is blind and shortsighted and has forgotten the cleansing from his past sins. Therefore, brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election, because if you do these things you will never stumble.

Foundational Truth:

The lived confirmation of our
faith protects and stabilizes
our faith.

Peter's 3 Fold Appeal:

1) Reminds us that we have all that we need to live a godly life. (Holy Spirit, Knowledge, Christian Community and etc)

2) Compels us through the remembrance of our testimony

3) He challenges us to the pursuit of virtuous living as a supplement to our faith.

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Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own
understanding; in all your ways
submit to Him, and He will make
your paths straight.

Repeatable Process:

1) What does the Bible say about it and how does that inform my practice? My habits?

2) Do I have any objections to that truth, if so, what is the root and does it lead to rebellion or restraint?

Biblical Framework: 5 Loves To Think and Live From

From A Love For God

From A Love Of God

From A Love For Wisdom

From A Love For Each Other

From A Love For The Mission Of God

**From a Love for God —
Think Devotionally**

Colossians 3:23–24

"Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ."

**From the Love of God —
Think Theologically**

1 Corinthians 6:20

*“You were bought at a price.
Therefore honor God with your
bodies.”*

Theology of the Body in 4 Metaphors

- a. Tool – The body is the place of concrete obedience in everyday life.
6:13 – “Our bodies were made for the Lord, and the Lord cares about our bodies.
- b. Temple – The body is the sacred place where God’s presence dwells.
6:19 – “Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you”
- c. Stewardship – God is the owner of our body. We are the managers.
6:15 – “Don’t you realize that your bodies are actually parts of Christ?”
6:20 – “You must honor God with your body.”
- d. Signpost – The body points to God’s design and will (past, present, and future).
6:14 – “God will raise us from the dead by His power, just as He raised our Lord”

**From a Love for Wisdom —
Think Practically**

1 Corinthians 10:23

"Everything is permissible," but not everything is beneficial.

"Everything is permissible," but not everything builds up."