

7. Grace and Purity

Grace is both the ‘desire to obey God’ and the ‘strength or energy to obey’. The grace of God is indispensable in the battle for purity.

You cannot and will not win the battle for purity and holiness unless you appropriate and learn to draw upon the grace of Jesus.

Read the following passages. Note carefully the role GRACE plays in our pursuit of Holiness.

Tit 2:11-12 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.

2 Tim 2:1 You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus

John 1:14,16,17 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. From the fullness of his grace we have all receive one blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

1 Cor 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

Eph 2:8,9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Heb 4:16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Phil 2:13 (Amp) (Not in your own strength) for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you (energizing and creating in you the power and desire), both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.

MEMORIZE: Titus 2:11,12

Questions:

1. What is the difference between grace and mercy?
2. From these verses, define a good, working definition for grace?
3. How do you get more grace?
4. Pick one of the verses and answer: What does the verse say? (Paraphrase—Rewrite the verse in your own words.)

5. How can I apply the truth of this verse to my life today?

Discussion: How can we give grace to those around us? How would you teach grace to a new believer? What is the connection between grace and purity?