

## Faith

**Faith in Jesus Christ IS the foundation of living the abundant life**

## Moral Excellence

**Goodness Grows out of our relationship with Jesus**

## Knowledge

**To Know Him, not about him**

**2 Peter 1:5-6** In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, <sup>6</sup> and knowledge with self-control...

## Self Control: The Secret...

**Romans 12:1-2** And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. <sup>2</sup> Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

## What do you need to be alert for?

**2 Corinthians 10:5b** We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.

**1 Thessalonians 5:6** So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be clearheaded.

**1 Peter 5:8** Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

## Defense Mechanisms:

*Rationalization Humor Blaming  
Denying Feeling Superior Justifying  
Intellectualizing Explaining Debating  
Minimizing Evading Attacking  
Withdrawing Silence Shouting  
Threatening Glaring Smiling  
Complying Playing dumb Spiritualizing*

### **How to Walk in the Spirit**

**1 Peter 1:13** So think clearly and exercise self-control. Look forward to the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world.

**Psalm 119:11** I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

### **The result of Spirit led Living**

**Colossians 3:5-10** So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. <sup>6</sup> Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. <sup>8</sup> But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. <sup>9</sup> Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. <sup>10</sup> Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.

**Romans 8:13** For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature you will live.

### **Overwhelming VICTORY!**

**Titus 2:11-12** For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. <sup>12</sup> And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God,