



WELL EQUIPPED FOR YOUR PURPOSE

DECEMBER 1, 2025

2 PETER 1:3 NLT – (3) By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence.

The scripture above urges Christians to understand that they are, right now, fully equipped to lead the life to which God has called them. Since they are equipped, they must use those tools through personal effort. They should strive to add Christ's goodness and other powerful qualities to their lived-out faith. Growing in those qualities leads to a productive, effective life of knowing the Lord. Lacking Christ's qualities leads to the opposite. Peter continues reminding the reader of what they already know, in order to keep stirring them up, to ensure they remember all of this after he has died (which will be soon).

There are Christians who attempt to justify their actions by saying some things are in the gray area of the Bible. We need to understand that God is not ambiguous in His Word. There is an absolute right or an absolute wrong and nothing in between with God.

Everything that we do that is contrary to Bible teaching falls into one of these three categories. It is either the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, or the pride of life that gets us into trouble. James tells us that friendship with the world is enmity with God (**JAMES 4:4**) and that we are to submit ourselves to God while resisting the devil (**JAMES 4:7**). We are also told, ***"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded"*** (**JAMES 4:8**).

Gray areas are things that some Christians are involved in, often claiming that there's no divine guidance, and therefore try to justify that these are acceptable. But are they? Are there really gray areas to in God's Word? Jesus said: *"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth"* (**REVELATION 3:15-16**). There can be no "gray areas" as far as God is concerned. What keeps us unequipped is the fact that we are not following His commands. He has given us the resources needed to fulfill our purpose. Inspect the equipment.

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 84:11

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Victory takes precedence over all. There's no gray area. No almost.