

Foundation for Living

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Foundational Spiritual Skills

Spiritual Childhood (*tevknon*, *teknon*)

Confess,
1 John 1:9

WHS, FHS
Gal 5:16
Eph. 5:18

FRD,
2 Pet. 1:3,4
2 Cor. 5:7

G-O,
2 Cor 12:9
2 Pet 3:18

2 Corinthians 12:7, “And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

2 Corinthians 12:8, “Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.”

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τελέω *teléō*;

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“To bring to completion, bring to maturity”

2 Corinthians 12:10, “Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

1. What is Grace:

undeserved favor, unmerited kindness

2 Pet. 1:3, “seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

2 Pet. 1:4, “For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.”

Ephesians 1:3, “Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,”

1. Definition of Grace Orientation:

Aligning our thinking and actions with God's policy of grace: all that we are and have in this life comes from the kindness and benevolence of God, and that nothing is due to our own inherent abilities, talents, or efforts.

2. Grace is the policy of God toward His creatures, which is based on the principle of non-meritorious blessing.

Ephesians 4:31, “Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

Ephesians 4:32, “And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.”

3. The opposite of grace orientation is self-reliance and arrogance.

4. Grace orientation is foundational to further advance in the spiritual life.

5. Grace orientation is measured in gratitude whereas failure to orient to grace is measured by arrogance and ingratitude.

6. Characteristics of Grace Orientation.

Genuine Humility/Teachability

Gratitude

**Grace
Orientation**

**Relaxed Mental
Attitude**

**Mastery of the
Details of Life**