

THE NEXT STEP

THE STEP INTO SPIRITUAL STRENGTH

1 Peter 1:22-2:5

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*Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of
His might. Ephesians 6:10*

How can you become strong in your relationship with Jesus?

1. You must feed on the Word of God.

*... like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you
may grow in respect to salvation. 1 Peter 2:2*

A. Christianity is a new birth experience.

*... for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but
imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding
word of God. 1 Peter 1:23*

B. We grow strong when we take in the Word.

*So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word
of God. Romans 10:17 NKJV*

1. God speaks to us through His Word.

2. God teaches us through His Word.

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching 2 Timothy 3:16

3. God reproves, corrects, and trains us through His Word.

*... for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God
may be adequate, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

*And I shall lift up my hands to Your commandments, Which I love; And I will
meditate on Your statutes. Psalm 119:48*

*Therefore I love Your commandments Above gold, yes, above fine
gold. Therefore I esteem right all Your precepts concerning everything, I hate
every false way. Psalm 119:127-128*

4. God blesses us through His Word.

*He who gives attention to the word shall find good, And blessed is he who trusts
in the LORD. Proverbs 16:20*

2. You must turn away from the appetite killers.

Therefore, putting aside all malice and all guile and hypocrisy and envy and all slander 1 Peter 2:1

A. We won't want the Word if we are walking in sin.

B. We can bring all our sin to Him and be totally cleansed.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

3. You must answer the all-important question.

... if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord. 1 Peter 2:3

* Have you truly experienced the grace and kindness of Jesus?

O taste and see that the LORD is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him! Psalm 34:8

Don't you think it is time to get serious about Jesus Christ?