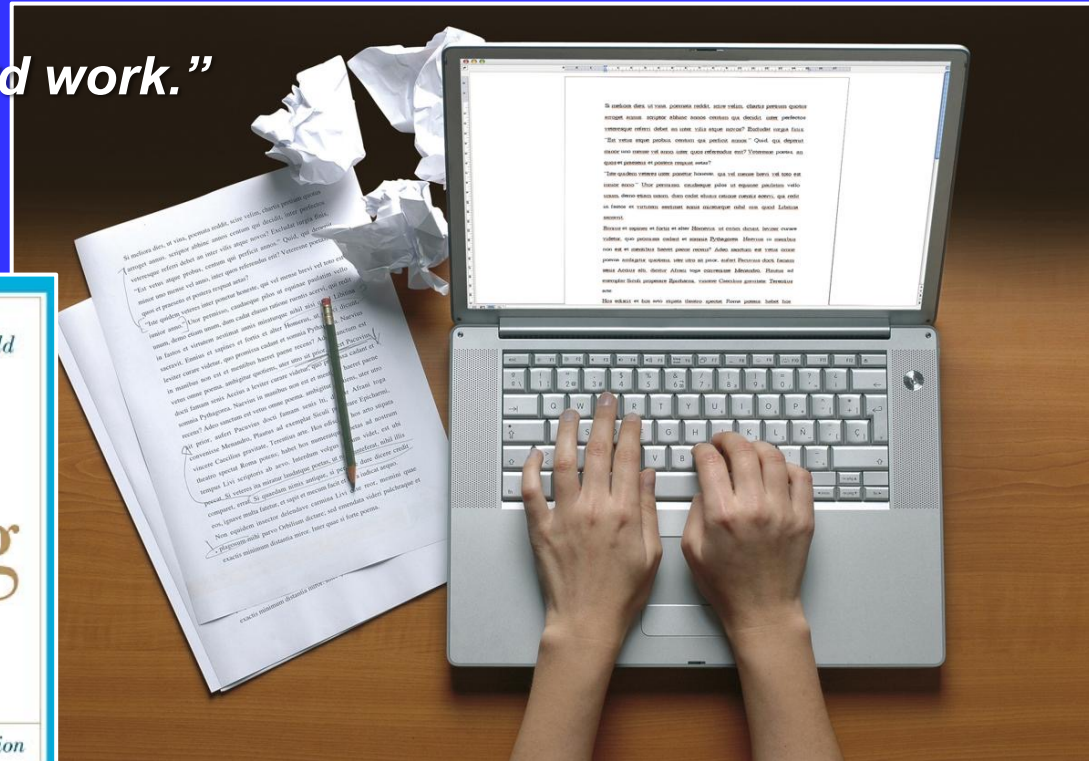
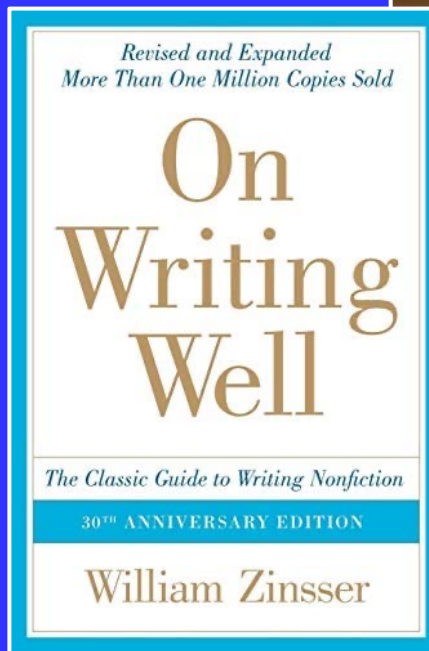


# We are Authors of our Lives

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1: 1-5, 12, & 17-20

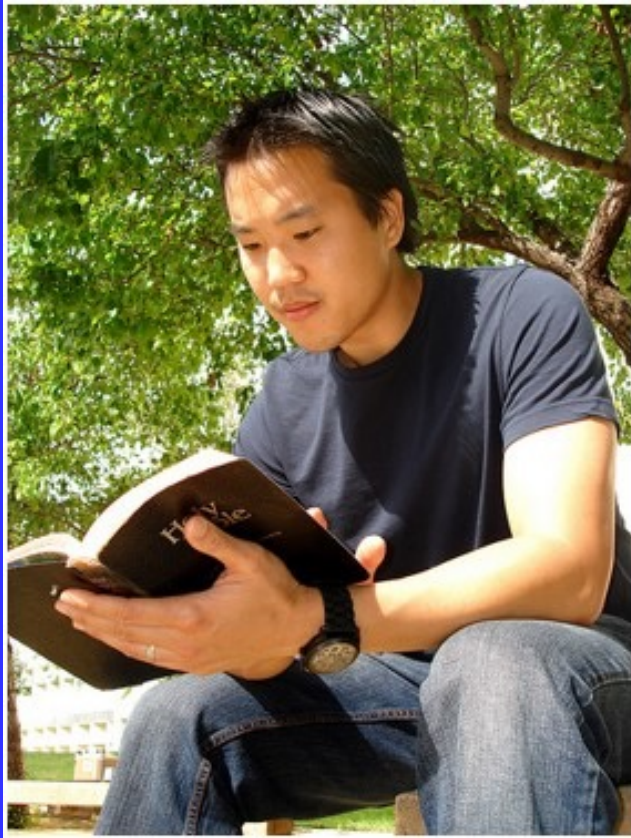
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## A. Sharing Equally in the Precious Promises: 2<sup>nd</sup> Pet 1: 1-4

### 1. Grow in Knowledge



**“Knowledge further empowers only those who have or can acquire the power to use it.”**

**There is no spiritual life, there is no grace or peace outside of the sphere of the knowledge of God.**

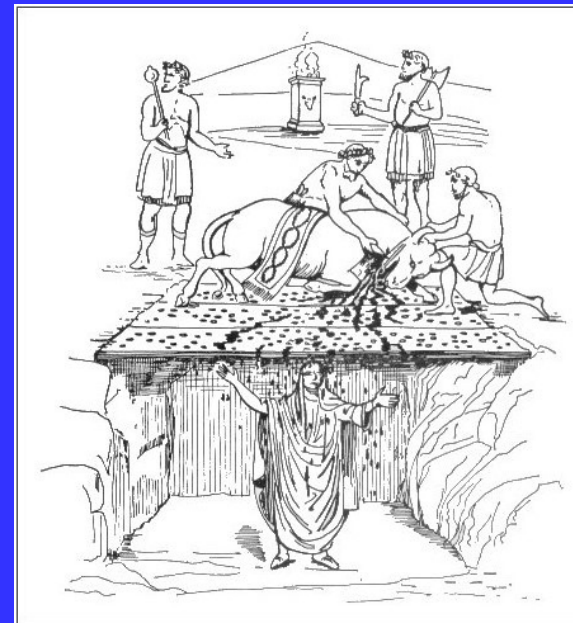
## 2. Great and Precious Promises (1: 3-4)

**“Life and godliness”**: ‘the power to live a holy life’.

**“Glory and virtue”**: share in Christ’s moral excellence in this life.

**“Partakers of the divine nature”**: Christ is to be formed in us and revealed to others.

**“Escape the corruption that is in the world”**.



## **B. Fruitful Spirituality is a Lifelong Process Not a Fad (1: 5-11)**

### **1. Discipleship is Not a Fad (1: 5)**

**‘Diligence’: to muster every ounce of our determination.**

**“Writing is hard work. . . .You persevere in writing regardless of your moods”.**

**“Add”: ‘the Greek word came to mean ‘a generous and costly co-operation in a venture’.**



## 2. Be Concerned with the Spiritual Root (1: 8-9)

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“Barren”: ‘idle’ or ‘inactive’ or ‘to be out of work’.

“Unfruitful”: crops or land so choked by weeds that it could not produce fruit.

‘Someone who lacked insight’ or ‘one who had the inability to see truth or refused to see truth’



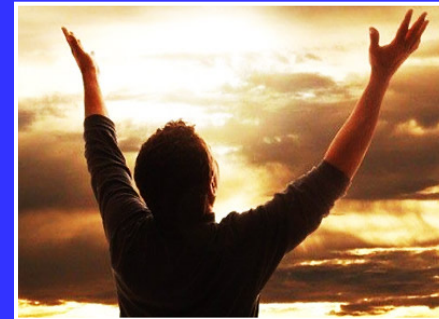
### 3. Increase Our Personal Effort (1:10-11)

The individual believer has a personal responsibility to put all their energy into growing in faith as a good disciple of Christ..

“Supplied to you (us) abundantly”.  
Or  
‘Richly opened to us’.



Paavo Nurmi



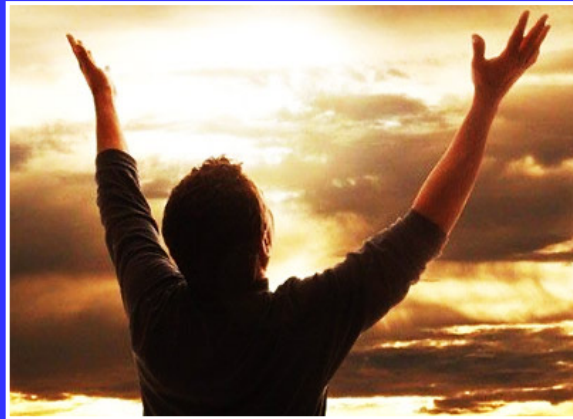
## C. Peter's and Our Diligence is Based on Two Things (1: 16-21)

### 1. Personal Encounter with Christ

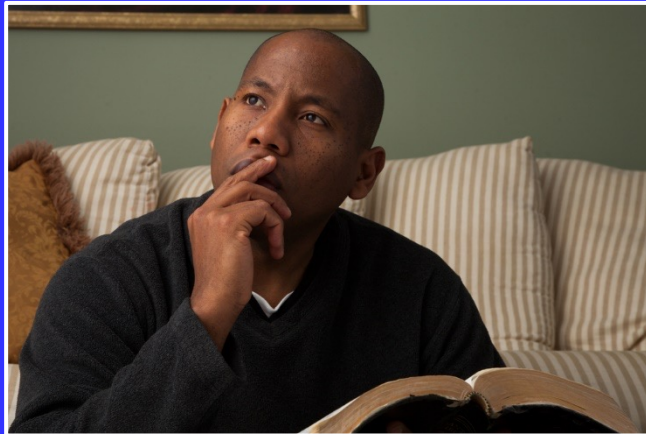
#### 1.1 Peter's Personal Encounter with Christ (1: 16-18)



## 1.2 Our Personal Encounter (1: 19)



## 2. Authority of the Scriptures (1: 20-21)





# Conclusion: We are the Architects of our Lives!

