

## VIRTUE OF GODLINESS

In 1 Tim.4:8, Paul explains godliness as “profitable for all things; since it holds for **the present life and for the life to come.**” In our [last lesson](#), we studied how godliness is profitable to present life and to the life to come.

In this lesson we will review Peter’s explanation of godliness as being one of the eight virtues of the spiritually mature, super grace, believer. **Super grace** is that stage when the Church Age Believer (CAB) reaches and is maintaining spiritual maturity in their Christian Way of Life (CWL) (Eph.4:13-15; 1 Cor.2:6-8).

**This lesson will study two aspects of the Virtue of Godliness in the spiritually mature, super grace, believer.**

**1. In our lesson text, Peter used an eight-member chorus of Greek drama to illustrate how these eight virtues of super grace maturity work in Christian way of life (CWL).**

Peter used the Greek word epichoregeo (supply) for this Greek drama illustration. The epichoregeo supplied what was necessary to produce a Greek drama. The chorus danced, sang, and chanted odes in the program to convey the message of the drama.

(2 Pet.1:3-5a) “Seeing that **His divine power has granted (didomi/ perf.m.ptc.gsf)** to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these **He has granted (perf.p.ind.3ps)** to us His precious and magnificent promises, **so that by them** you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. **Now for this very reason also** applying (pareisphero/ a.a.ptc. nplm) [employ grace] all diligence, in your faith supply (epichoregeo).”

**2. the Church Age Believer (CAB) who has reached and is maintaining spiritual maturity (on meat/solid doctrines) (Heb.5:14 12) is the epichoregeo [supplying] these eight virtues of super grace.**

**While supply (epichoregeo/ a.a.impv.2pl)** is commanded one time (2 Pet.1:5), it is implied to each chorus’ performance.

These eight virtues of the Super Grace believer’s life are dependent upon the order of their performance (2 Pet.1:5-7). What precedes is necessary for what follows in order to complete the drama (the Plan of God). Each chorus member is essential to the performance of the one drama.

(2 Pet.1:3-5a) “Now or this reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith (en te pistis) [1<sup>st</sup> virtue] supply (**epichoregeo**). “The prepositional phrase is attached to each virtue except the 8<sup>th</sup>.

(2 Pet.1:8-11) “For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he **who lacks these qualities** is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain His calling and choosing you; **for as long as you practice these things**, you will never stumble; for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied (epichoregeo) to you.”