

Aim High!



"Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. ... You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity."

(2 Peter 3:14, 16-17)

"The Christian Pursuit"

Selected Scripture

Critical Concept: The pursuit of spiritual maturity and Christlikeness is the divine purpose for everyone born of God, despite the continual struggle with sin along the journey.

I. Sin and the Christian

A. You will be tempted

Areas we are lured away and enticed ...

1. **Enticed into independence:** *tempted to trust self rather than God.*
2. **Enticed to compromise loyalty:** *substituting God's will for an easier path.*
3. **Enticed to test God's faithfulness:** *seeking to manipulate God to get what we want, or to test God's faithfulness and unconditional love for us.*

B. Remember, you are no longer enslaved to sin

II. Aim High

A. The danger of low expectations

B. The goal of your salvation

III. A Call to Maturity

What is God Saying to Me? (Personal Application)