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# Fruitful, Productive Spiritual Lives

## 2 Peter 1:8–9



# 2<sup>nd</sup> PETER

Guard Against False Teachers



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**δύναμις *dunamis***

**fem sing gen**

**power, strength, might,  
capability; omnipotence**



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**ζωή *zoe* fem sing acc life, living, way of life  
εὐσέβεια *eusebeia* fem sing acc godliness,  
piety; religion**



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**ἐν τῇ πίστει ὑμῶν *en te pistei humon***

**“by means of your faith”**

**by means of your faith add virtue**



# Sorites

**Peter presents his virtue list by using a literary device, fashionable during the period, called sorite (or climax, ladder; gradatio, gradation).**



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**ἐπιχορηγέω *epichoregeo***

**2 plur aor act impera  
to supply, give,  
furnish**

**παρεισφέρω *pareisphero***

**aor act part masc plur  
nom  
to exert, to bring in**

**σπουδή *spoude***

**fem sing acc haste;  
speed; zeal; pursuit;  
exertion; study**



**2 Pet. 1:6, “to knowledge self-restraint, to self-restraint endurance, to endurance spiritual maturity,” ~RD**

**ἐγκράτεια *egkrateia*, self-control, self-restraint, abstinence**

**ὑπομονή *hupomone* fem sing acc endurance; staying**

**εὐσέβεια *eusebeia* fem sing acc  
godliness, spiritual maturity;  
Christlikeness, devout spirituality**



**2 Pet. 1:7, “to spiritual maturity brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.”**

**φιλαδελφία *philadelphia***

**fem sing acc brotherly love**

**ἀγάπη *agape* fem sing acc love; divine love**



**John 13:34, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.**

**John 13:35, “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”**



# Spiritual Life Structure, 2 Pet. 1:5–7

**Love**

**Brotherly  
Affection**

**Endurance**

**Self-Restraint**

**Knowledge**

**Spiritual  
Excellence**

**Faith**



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**πλεονάζω**

***pleanazo***

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**ἄκαρπος *akarpōs***

**masc plur acc  
unfruitful, not  
bearing fruit**

**ἄργός *argos***

**masc plur acc  
idle, lazy;  
useless;  
unproductive**



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**πάρειμι\_1 *pareimi* 3 sing  
pres indic to be present,  
available (sum), with the  
negative; “the one who  
does not have these things  
(character qualities)”**



**Abide in Me  
John 15:1–8**

**Walk in Light  
Eph. 5:8;  
1 Jn. 1:7; Phil. 1:10**

**Walk by the  
Spirit  
Gal. 5:16**

**John 15:4,  
“Abide in Me,  
and I in you. As  
the branch  
cannot bear fruit  
of itself, unless it  
abides in the  
vine, neither can  
you, unless you  
abide in Me.”**

**Eph. 5:9, “(for  
the fruit of the  
Spirit is in all  
goodness,  
righteousness,  
and truth),”**

**Phil. 1:11, “being  
filled with the fruits  
of righteousness  
which are by Jesus  
Christ, to the glory  
and praise of God.”**

**Gal. 5:22, “But the  
fruit of the Spirit  
is love, joy, peace,  
longsuffering,  
kindness,  
goodness,  
faithfulness,  
Gal. 5:23,  
“gentleness, self-  
control. Against  
such there is no  
law.”**



**What is fruit? Overt quantifiable activity or internal character transformation?**

**How is fruit produced? Is this a direct goal of the branch or the indirect and unavoidable consequence of abiding (meaning either salvation or fellowship)?**



**What do these key terms mean:**

**In Me**

**Abide**

**αἴρω**



**“Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it, that it may bear more fruit.” (John 15:2)**



# I. BAG

1. *lift up, take up, pick up*—

2. *(lift up and) take or carry (along)* lit. w. obj. acc.

3. *(lift up and) carry away, remove* lit.

4. *take away, remove* w. no suggestion of lifting up. By force, even by killing: abs. a



**Thus there are two kinds of main branches; the shoot which comes out of the hard timber and promises wood for the next year is called a leafy shoot or else when it is above the scar [caused by tying the branch to the trellis] a fruit-bearing shoot, whereas the other kind of shoot that springs from a year-old branch is always a fruit-bearer.**



**John 15:2, “Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away [αἴρω]; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He prunes it [καθαίρω] so that it may bear more fruit.**

**John 15:3, “You are already clean [καθαρός, *katharos*] because of the word which I have spoken to you.”**



**“There is also left underneath the cross-bar a shoot called the keeper—this is a young branch, not longer than three buds, which will provide wood next year if the vine’s luxurious growth has used itself up—and another shoot next to it, the size of a wart, called the pilferer is also left, in case the keeper-shoot should fail.”**

**~Pliny**



**μένω, *meno***

**In English “abide” means:**

- 1. To put up with; tolerate.;**
- 2. To wait patiently for.;**
- 3. To be in store for; await.;**
- 4. To withstand.,**

**—intr. 1. To remain in a place.;**

**2. To continue to be sure or firm; endure.;**

**3. To dwell or sojourn. (*American Heritage Dictionary*).**



**This is closely equivalent to the Greek meaning. In John μενω, *meno* means to remain, to stay, to reside, to continue, to endure (1:32, 38–39; 2:12).**