

God has given us everything we need so that we may live a spiritually fruitful life and glorify God (2 Peter 1:3). God's provisions for the maintenance of the Christian life include the Bible, the Holy Spirit, prayer, church membership, cleansing from sin, and serving the Lord and fellow believers.

The Christian Life Maintenance – Walking with God every day, and having a real, vibrant, relationship with God.

Key verse: 2 Peter 1:3 “According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:”

“According as His divine power” – God has done His part and He is faithful to continually do His part in maintaining our Christian Life. We can trust that God will supply for us whatever is helpful to our sanctification.

“Hath given unto us all things” – God has given us all things that are necessary. (Psalm 84:11)

“That pertain unto life” – Spiritual life and eternal life. God has already supplied for all of these.

“And godliness” – We obtain life first. We do not obtain life by godliness but rather we obtain godliness by first obtaining life. And this new life produces godliness. (Titus 2:11-12)

“Through the knowledge of Him” – With knowledge comes responsibility. (Jn. 17:3; Phil. 3:10) It is only through knowing Christ that we can live a godly life.

“That hath called us” – 1 Thess. 2:12 – called us to his kingdom and glory; 1 Thess. 4:7 – called not unto uncleanness but to holiness; 2 Thess. 2:14 – called by the gospel;

“To glory and virtue” – God called us by his glory and virtue unto glory and virtue. Virtue here is moral excellence (kahasayan ng kabutihan).

Christians are recipients of untold blessings from God through Jesus Christ. The phrase “all things” stands for everything or completeness.

Christians are enabled by God to live up to the truth of God's Word. We are to grow and to maintain our spiritual fruitfulness in Christ.

If a Christian is not growing in the Lord the fault lies on him and not the Lord.

God desires to develop us in the Christian life. He gave us life, and he wants us to grow, and we are responsible in this area owing to our knowledge of Him.