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Message Series: Owning Your Slice of Life Todays' Message: The Power To Do So

<u>Philippians 4:17</u> "I desire <u>fruit</u> that may abound to <u>your account</u> " (NIV) "I <u>want you</u> to <u>receive</u> a <u>reward</u> ." (NLT)
Problem: Our human Romans 7:15, 17 "For I <u>do not understand my</u> own actions. For I do not do what I want <u>sin</u> that <u>dwells</u> <u>within me</u> ."
The Power To Do So—2 Peter 1:3-11
<u>2 Peter 1:3</u> "His <u>divine power</u> has given us <u>everything</u> <u>we need</u> for <u>life</u> and <u>godliness</u> thru our <u>knowledge</u> <u>of Him</u> ."
#1. "His Power" "Our Knowledge of Him"
Truth: "You are as <u>close</u> to God as you <u>want</u> to be" The Key: "Wait on God" - "His <u>constant</u> , <u>faithful</u> love <u>never fails</u> - He is <u>not</u> in such a <u>hurry</u> as we are" ~Packer
Psalms 31:23 "Love the Lord, all you His saints! The Lord preserves the faithful"
<u>Psalms 32:10</u> " <u>steadfast love surrounds</u> the one <u>who trusts</u> in the <u>Lord</u> ."
Psalms 33:8 " let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!"
$\underline{\textbf{Psalms 33:45}} \text{ " all His work is done in } \underline{\textbf{faithfulness}} \text{ the earth is full of the } \underline{\textbf{steadfast love}} \text{ of } \underline{\textbf{the Lord}}. "$
#2. "His Very Great" - <u>2 Peter 1:4</u> "Thru <u>these</u> He has given us His <u>very great</u> promises"
Reality: We do not, in our brokenness, "wait on God" vs. our <u>immediate gratification</u> .
Romans 4:16-18 "Therefore the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace God, in Whom he (Abraham) believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were. Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father"
#3. " In The Divine Nature" - <u>2 Peter 1:4</u> " so that <u>thru them</u> , <u>you may</u> <u>participate</u> in the <u>divine nature</u> "
Romans 8:9 "However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.
Galatians 4:6 "Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts."
1 Corinthians 2:16 "But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ."
Ephesians 3:19 "And to know the love of Christ that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God."
#4. "Make Every To Add To Your Faith" - 2 Peter 1:5
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Apply: We are not to just "take it easy", we must stop giving God some of us, but not all.
Romans 12:1 "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living

sacrifices, holy, and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship."

#5. The Result: Kept From A Wasted Life - 2 Peter 1:8-11

<u>2 Peter 1:10, 11</u> "For <u>if you do</u> these things, you will <u>never fall</u>, and <u>you will receive</u> a <u>rich welcome into</u> <u>the eternal Kingdom</u> of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."