



**FREEDOM**

THAT LASTS

WINNING LIFE'S BATTLES

THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

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**a.** That penchant is the essence of the “indwelling sin” that resides in the soul of every individual, though its absolute power has been broken for those who are “in Christ.”

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**b.** All temptations are common to man and appeal in one way or another to this inherent penchant to live independently of God and rule ourselves.

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c. Temptations, though common to man, are customized according to the “own lusts” of the individual.

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d. Though a temptation may be common to man, individuals will experience different degrees of disobedience and disintegration depending upon how they have chosen to express their independence from God and rule themselves.

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e. While all choices to live in disobedience to God are morally wrong, not all choices have the same affect upon the body and mind.

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f. Behind every fall is belief in a lie.

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**g.** Addictions are not psychiatric disorders or diseases; they are dependency disorders of those who have forsaken God's rule.

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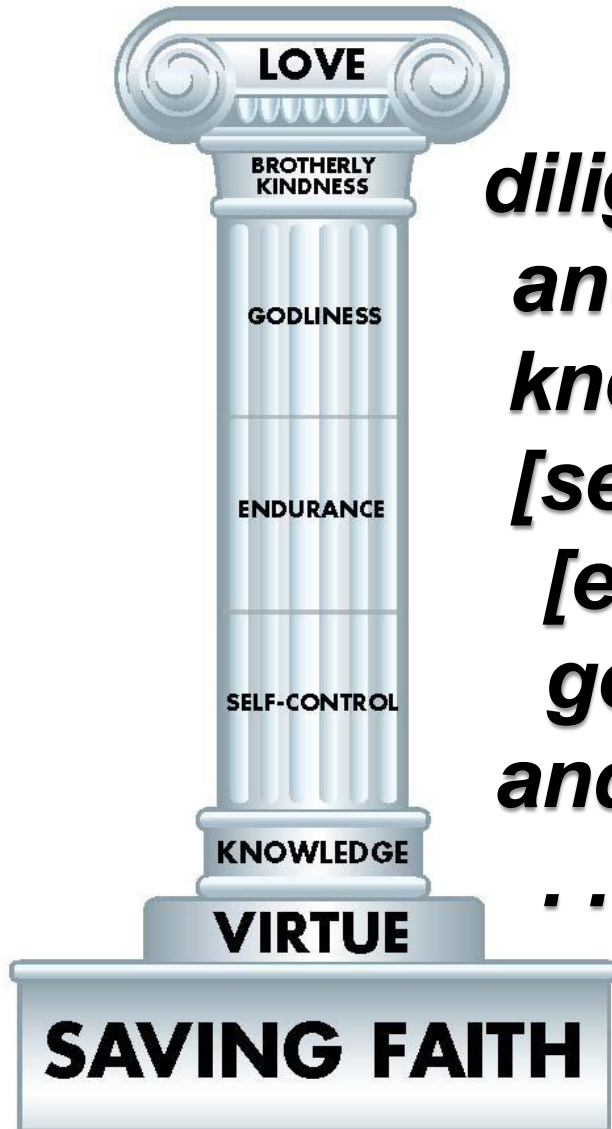
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- d. When the normal things don't seem to work, don't abandon the normal things; intensify the normal things.

**You do what you do  
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you are. To change  
what you do, you must  
cooperate with God to  
change what you are.**

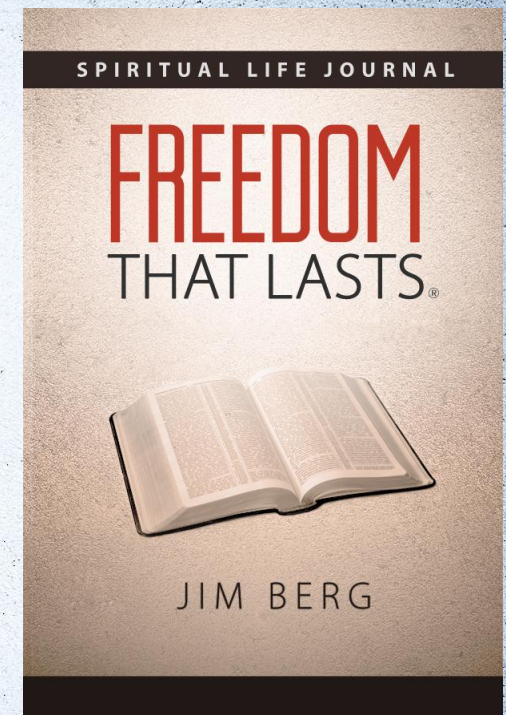
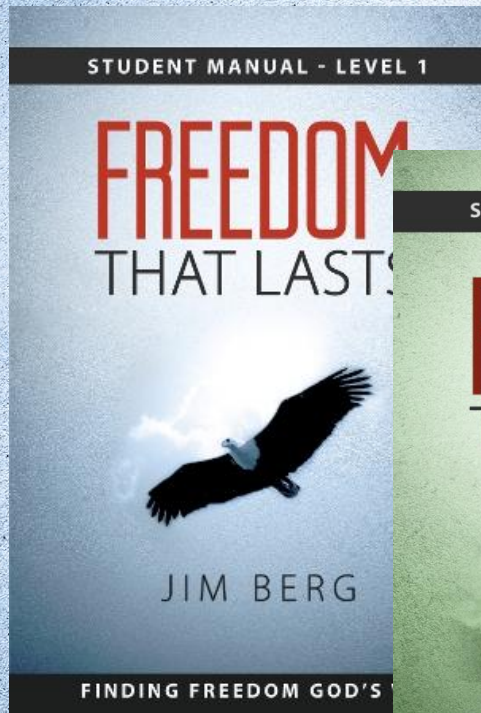
# Curriculum Thrust



*And beside this, giving all diligence add to your faith **virtue**; and to virtue **knowledge**; and to knowledge [**self-control**]; and to [**self-control endurance**]; and to [**endurance**] **godliness**; and to **godliness brotherly kindness**; and to **brotherly kindness [love]**. . . For if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.*

2 Peter 1:5-7, 10

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