

**Review: Spiritual Maturity: Strategy & Tactics Defined; Deceptions by the Dark Side & Motivation to Function in the Light, 2 Pet 3:17-18; 1 Pet 2:1-3**

Review of definitions for strategic and tactical victories. (See visual: “Strategic & Tactical Victories: For Christ; for Believers.”)

Strategy: The art of applying the necessary means to fulfill the desired end.

Tactics: Using weapons or forces employed at the battlefield. Small-scale actions serving a larger purpose.

Peter warns those who make the advance to beware of temptations to desert the Word and become influenced by the forces of darkness, and he encourages them to continue the advance toward the tactical victory:

**2 Peter 3:17** - You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard [ imperative mood: have problem-solving devices on the FLOT line ] so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men [ no virtue ] and fall from your own steadfastness [ deviate from Light into darkness ],

**v. 18** - but grow in grace [ imperative mood: advance sustained by logistical grace support ] and knowledge of our Lord [ emphasizes the tactical victory ] and Savior [ emphasizes the strategic victory ] Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now [ escrow blessings in time ] and to the day of eternity [ escrow blessings in eternity ]. Amen.

Peter summarizes the process and procedure required to make the advance from the strategic victory to the tactical victory in the plan of God:

**1 Peter 2:1** - Therefore, get rid of all evil attitudes toward others, and all guile, and all hypocrisy, and envy, and all slander [ mental attitude and verbal sins are forgiven by rebound, and are eliminated by the filling of the Holy Spirit, the objectivity of basic Christian modus operandi, e.g., the faith-rest technique, and the objectivity of enforced and genuine humility: confession plus gates 1 through 3 of the divine dynasphere ],

**v. 2** - like newborn babies long for the pure milk of the word [ doctrine ], that by it you may grow [ tactical victory ] in respect to salvation [ strategic victory ],

**v. 3** - if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord [ 1CC: and you have from logistical grace ].

10. This completes our analysis of the divine dynasphere and the cosmic systems of arrogance and hatred. Our time involved with this portion of our study requires that we review the introductory points to paragraph XII; Light and Darkness as they relate to:

**1 John 1:5** - And this is the message which we have heard from Him and have communicated to you that God is Light and in Him there is no darkness, no, no darkness at all.