2 Peter 3:17-18 (NIV) ...be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. [18] But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

Hebrews 4:16 (NIV) Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

James 4:6 (NIV) But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

****Grace has been defined as: God's Riches at Christ's Expense, infinite love mercy and favor, and God's good will. The problem with the word Grace is that it conveys so many things. On one level each definition is true. Bill Thrasher defines grace in two ways: God's favor and God's special Enablement. Enablement means that when we come to God looking for His help and grace he provides the strength and resources we need to do what He has asked of us. But in order for that to happen we need to go to HIM that is why we are reminded to come boldly to the throne of grace. James reminds us that our attitude should be one of humility. That seems like a contradiction until we realize we have authority to come boldly, but the reason we come is that we need help and that is humility. To say I can't do this on my own please Lord I need Your Help.

PRAYER: Lord, I long to grow in Grace, to see you giving me the ability to do ALL that You are asking me to do. Lord, I cannot do this without You. Please HELP.

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