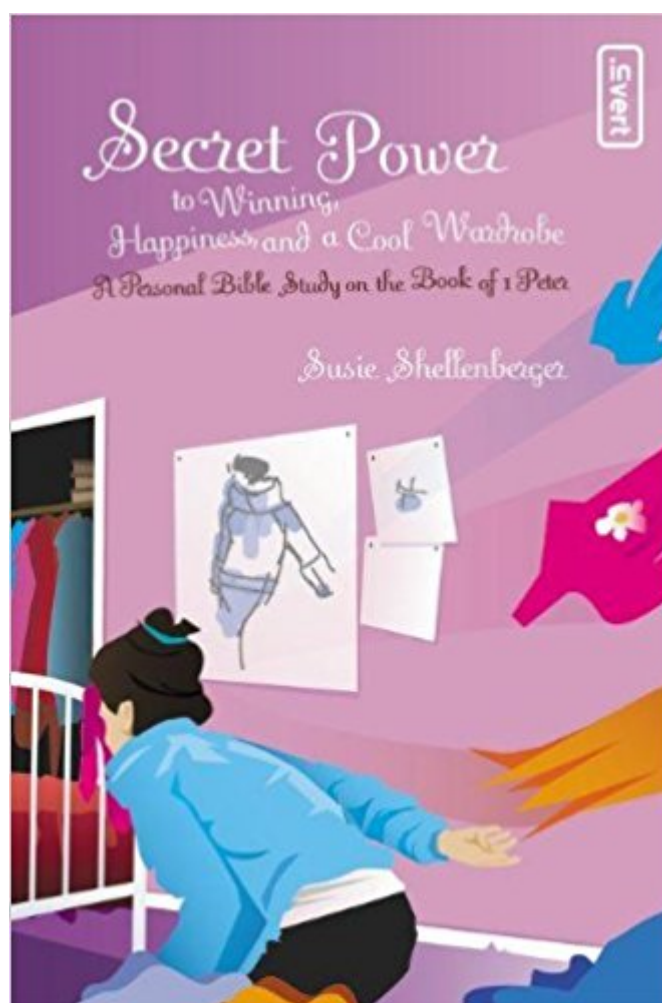


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# Secret Power To Winning, Happiness, And A Cool Wardrobe: A Personal Bible Study On The Book Of 1 Peter (Secret Power Bible Studies For Girls)



## Synopsis

A Personal Bible Study on the Book of 1 Peter Everyone wants to win, be happy, and, whenever possible, wear cool clothes in the process. And why not? That's what life and success are all about, right? Think again. The kind of success and wardrobe that author Susie Shellenberger writes about has nothing to do with money or buying power at the mall. It comes from God and from knowing who you are in God's eyes. With this interactive study of 1 Peter, you and your friends get a chance to examine God's ideas about what it means to be happy and successful. With true-to-life stories and practical tips, discover a secret power that's yours for the taking---because Christ has already won it for us. We just need to follow his lead.

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1PETER Where is it? In the New Testament. Right after James and right before 2 Peter. Who wrote it? Peter. Who is he? Peter was the second disciple that Jesus chose when he selected the group of 12. Andrew, Peter's younger brother, was the first disciple chosen by Christ, but Peter is always mentioned first when the disciples are listed by name. This is probably because he was a natural leader. He was outspoken, impulsive, and sometimes brash. He sometimes acted before he thought, but he had a tender heart and a willingness to be used by God. We can identify with Peter's failures, and we gain encouragement from watching Christ turn his weaknesses into strengths. Peter and Judas both denied Jesus---but Peter had the humility to admit his wrongdoing. He confessed to Christ that he truly wanted to be all God desired. Jesus saw past Peter's weak areas and focused on his potential. Even though Peter was impatient and sometimes stubborn, Christ saw his potential as a rock---the future foundation of the Church. Christ does the same with us. Instead of remembering our failures, he chooses instead to see our potential and help us become useful for God.

CHAPTER ONE This Is Who You Really Are! (Note: Each chapter of this Bible study is divided into bite-size chunks that you can either swallow all at once or spread out and complete over a period of time. Try to complete one entire bite at each sitting, okay?) Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood. (1 Peter 1:1-2) The book of 1 Peter begins with a salutation. A salutation is... a. something you put on a salad. b. a special salute that's used in today's military. c. a greeting. d. a type of exercise in which a boxer engages. If you selected 'a greeting,' you're right on the mark. Go back and read Peter's salutation again. This particular greeting also includes (mark all that apply)... a. Christmas wishes. b. the identity of the writer. c. to whom the writer belongs. d. a recipe for chocolate chip cookies. We can tell by Peter's salutation that he's extremely clear about his identity. He knows who he is and to whom he belongs. Do you ever wonder about your identity? Since God created you---and you were formed in God's holy image---it makes sense that you can find your identity in God. The next time you're unsure of yourself or wonder who you really are, remember to whom you belong! You are a child of the King of Kings! And the deeper you develop your relationship with Christ, the more secure you'll be in who you are. So stop right now and give yourself a standing ovation, because by participating in this Bible study, you're actually deepening your relationship with Jesus and getting to know him better. And that equals getting to know you better!

BITE #1 Peter identifies himself as an apostle. An apostle is... a. a fancy name for a Greek dish served with rice. b.

a special buckle worn on sandals in Bible days. c. a special messenger of Jesus Christ. d. a history buff . An apostle is not only a special messenger of Jesus Christ, but also someone to whom he delegated authority for certain tasks. The 12 disciples whom Jesus first chose to follow him were also known as apostles. Sometimes throughout the New Testament, the word apostle is used in a general sense, meaning 'God's messenger.' Grab your Bible and flip to 2 Corinthians 8:23. In this verse, Paul describes people who have the responsibility of conveying churches' contributions to a charitable fund. He refers to them as apostles or messengers or representatives (depending on which translation of the Bible you're reading). Read the verse again. Whom does Paul identify as his fellow worker in this particular passage? a. Titus b. Peter c. Samuel d. Matthew As the first apostles planted churches and evangelized those around them, they faced threats and danger. When persecution exploded, it was the apostles who were targeted. Grab your Bible again and turn to 1 Corinthians 4:9-13. According to this passage, how did the apostles respond to persecution? Now turn to Romans 8:17-18. How did Paul view his suffering for Christ? Before we get back to 1 Peter, let's take a quick peek at 2 Corinthians 1:5-7: For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same 10 Secret Power to Winning, Happiness, and a Cool Wardrobe sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort. Paul, an apostle of Christ, experienced suffering, yet what else did he experience on the positive side? Describe a time in your life when you were picked on because of your faith. Write a prayer in the space provided, asking God to teach you how to experience comfort in the midst of your suffering. OK. Let's get back to 1 Peter: Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood. (1 Peter 1:1-2) Peter is sure of his identity in Christ. He spells it out right up front. It's as if he's saying, 'This is who I am! I'm sure of my calling from God, and I know who I am in Christ Jesus.' God wants you to be just as confident as Peter was. Rate yourself on the following scale to see where you score on knowing your place in Christ.

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