



- Are these qualities yours?



Faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection, love



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- 2 Peter 1:11: For in this way there will be **richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- 1 Peter 4:17-19: For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 And **“If the righteous is scarcely saved**, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” 19 Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.
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- How are we called to this Kingdom?
- Through the gospel
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:14: To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
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- Romans 10:17: So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.



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- 2 Peter 1:5-7: For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.



- 2 Peter 1:10: Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to **confirm your calling and election**, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.



- What happens when a disciple is not supplementing his faith?
- Not growing?
- Peter has some strong warnings for us.



- Ineffective

- 2 Peter 1:8: For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being **ineffective** or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Thayer: lazy, shunning the labour which one ought to perform
- Are you a lazy Christian?



- What would a lazy disciple look like?
 - More interested in the world than in spiritual things.
 - Makes time for career, entertainment, sports, family but not for serving God.
 - Makes excuses for not being involved with spiritual things; brethren; etc.



- Unfruitful
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- Are you bearing fruit?



- Not just about evangelism... but don't dismiss that.
 - Classes, studies, social media
- Galatians 5: love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, gentleness, self-control,
- Salt and Light: Matthew 5:13-16
 - "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.



- Forgotten cleansing from sins
 - 2 Peter 1:9: For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.
- Are you blind?



- A terrible price was paid to save me from the corruption of the world.
- Blood of lamb for my sins
- Slip back into old ways of living, sin.



- fall
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- Have you fallen? Have you stumbled?



- Haggai 1:5-7:
 - Now, therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. 6 You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes.



- 2 Corinthians 13:5: Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? — unless indeed you fail to meet the test!



- Necessary personally and for congregation
- How do we measure this growth, or lack of growth?
 - numbers are inadequate, but essential in some ways.
 - spiritual mindfulness
 - how we love and care for each other
 - impact on the world



- How do I make sure that I enter the Kingdom and don't fall?
- How can I be sure I am supplementing my faith?



- Make these YOURS
 - 2 Peter 1:8: For **if these qualities are yours** and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.



- Not unattainable, external, qualities
- Personal. Own it!
 - Lenski: “belonging to you”
- It’s not just about what you do, it’s first, and foremost, who you are.
- Own it.



- Keep Improving
 - 2 Peter 1:8: For if these qualities are yours and are **increasing**, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Some use “abounding”
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- Answers the laziness or complacency from earlier.
 - We must not allow yourselves to be distracted or neglect.
- As we grow older this becomes more difficult: keep pushing to maturity in Him
- Striving toward the image and likeness of Christ in our lives each day.



- What happens when I don't show self-control?
 - when I fail?
- Don't give up: pray, repent, go on.



- Luke 17:7-10: “Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? 8 Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? 9 Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? 10 So you also, **when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’**”



- Called us to excellence, going beyond, doing more than expected
- Parable of Talents: Matthew 25:20-21
 - And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'



- Keep Practicing
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- Faith without works is dead (James 2:26: For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.)
- Our Faith must be active.
- Christian life is to be lived: in a corrupt and sinful world, shine as lights.
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- Matthew 21:28-32:
 - “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ 29 And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. 30 And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.



- Luke 9:62: Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20



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2 Peter 1:8-11

Synopsis: Peter reminds us why we need to supplement our faith. There is the great danger of falling for any who forgets his cleansing. So we must make these qualities our own; increase and do them.

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"Let all that you do be done with love."