

2ND PETER

Hopefully, you recall that “God’s divine power has given us all that we need for life and godliness.” Yet, Peter issues a challenge in this section to use what we have been given.



CHAPTER 1:5-9

⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.

Peter presupposes that they already possess something as a foundational to build upon. What is it?

What do you think of Peter’s charge for us to “make every effort” here? Doesn’t that sound like we have some personal responsibility?

How do these virtues compare to the “Fruit of the Spirit” found in **Galatians 5:22-23**?

What is the difference between “brotherly kindness” and “love?”

What are we promised if we add all of these to our faith?

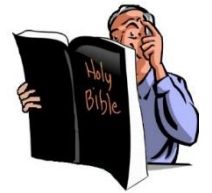
In what ways do you see yourself as being productive in your knowledge of Jesus? Where are you lacking?

How does Peter describe those who don’t have these virtues?

Points to Ponder

How does one go about ‘adding’ these virtues to our faith?

What does the idea of possessing them in “increasing measure” indicate to you?



Why would the Holy Spirit move Peter to connect personal spiritual growth to our present perceptions as well as our recollection of our past cleansing?