

2 Peter 1:1-11

¹ Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ:

² May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. ³ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

⁵ 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. 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. ⁹ For whoever lacks these qualities is so near sighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹ For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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In personal life

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- what is your goal in life? ¹

You've been given everything you need (v1-4)

- faith (v1)
- knowledge (v2-3)
- promises (v4)

Now give it everything you've got (v5-8a)

- make every effort (v5)
- go for growth (v5b-8a)
 - o quantity (eg. self-control)
 - o quality (eg. knowledge)

And you will get everything you could desire (v8b-11)

- fruitful life (v8b)
 - gospel clarity (v9)
 - spiritual stability (v10)
 - rich welcome (v11)
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Discussion questions

How much effort are you making to grow in holiness? Where do you most need to focus your efforts? Which incentive do you find most motivating?

¹ Leviticus 19:2; 1 Peter 1:15; Ephesians 1:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:3