

Partakers of the Divine Nature

2 Peter 1:4-10

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Can not be 'God' –

Can be LIKE God in our character –

So many passages show us this change

Rom. 6:1-4 rise to walk in newness of life – crucify the old man

Rom. 12:1-3 not conformed by TRANSFORMED –

Eph. 4:17-23 – put off the OLD man – put on the new, being renewed in your mind and becoming LIKE Jesus...

Be holy as HE IS HOLY

Now Peter talks of our being 'like God' –

Doing comes from BEING

Living IN the World –

Being LIGHTS –

Doing comes from BEING –

out of the heart the mouth speaks ...

Faith produces 'works' –

Know a tree by its fruits! –

→ **Therefore give all diligence**



Give
All Diligence

All Diligence -

Add to your Faith

Character –

God wants us to have CHARACTER – ADD TO YOUR FAITH

Our Faith is a life-changing allegiance and trust –

Peter's foundation – as always, FAITH (trust, reliance, confidence, 'belief')

→ **But like a TREE, not a 'ladder' or building of blocks**



Faith is the root –

Like a 'tree' – we let such faith develop our CHARACTER –

Illustrate – tree – ground = faith, tree = character

→ **Virtue**

Virtue

Moral Excellence

Courage

Virtue. Moral excellence, vigor of mind, manliness, courageous, the active courage to fight the good fight of faith. Like a good soldier “quit like men” (be courageous, stand your ground) 1.Cor.16:13, be determined to do what is right in the sight of God. Faith, with the courage of your convictions, helps you overcome the adversary 1.Jn. 5:4; 1.Pet.5:8.
→ KNOWLEDGE

Knowledge

Know

Know WHO we trust

Know WHAT we believe –

Know – purpose and destiny –

Knowledge. The moral wisdom to live right. This knowledge helps one to gain the proper understanding of right and wrong, to become enlightened with the word, and learn how to use discerning judgment to know the difference Eph. 5:17; Heb.5:12-14. This is the practical knowledge gained by experience that guides, informs and gives right direction to our virtue. Courage is useless if it is not pointed in the right direction. Learn to make the right application to things

→ **Self-Control**

Self-control

temperance

discipline

Self-control (temperance). This is discipline under control, where one is able to master his desires and passions.

Knowing right from wrong is worthless if one cannot control the appetites.

Be the master of your life, not the slave to sin.

This is 'maturity' verses childishness – the ability to say NO to SELF.

One must keep the body under control 1.Cor.9:27. This is self-restraint.

→ **Perseverance**

Perseverance

patience
endurance
steadfastness

Our Foundation:

Perseverance (patience). Endurance, fortitude, steadfastness.

This is the ability to remain fixed on your deliberate purpose, course in life, loyal to his faith even under great trials, stress, and sufferings.

We have the example of Job Jas.5:11.

Perseverance is not just a stoic acceptance of things in life, but a conscious submission to God's will

This steadiness and steadiness will help to develop reverence and piety toward God. Such a person is steadfast and constant in correctly applying the word of God to the various issues of life.

→ **godliness**

Godliness

piety

reverence

fear

Godliness. Piety, reverence, respect for God,

It is a Godward attitude, always doing that which is well pleasing to Him Col.3:17.

This puts GOD in the CENTER of everything, makes GOD the basis and reason for actions.

It always considers how GOD relates to my thoughts, actions...

One who perseveres will develop a deep respect and reverence for God, coupled with godly fear, and will develop piety, a faithful devoutness to God.

→ **Brotherly Kindness**

Brotherly Kindness

Brotherly Kindness. Love of brethren, a kindly affection toward brethren.
If one cannot love his brother who he can see, how can he love God whom he cannot see

1.Jn.4:7, 11, 20; 5:1?

→ LOVE agape

Love

goodwill

selfless interest

Love (charity). This is affection, goodwill, benevolence.

A selfless interest in the welfare and benefit of others, even toward those who are hard to love.

To love the unloving is a trait of a Christian.

Phil. 2:3-4 nothing out of selfish interest, but consider other 'more important'...

Even (especially) those who are 'unworthy', even our enemy –

→ But **GROWING** = increasing

IF
in you
increasing

Vs 8

For if these *qualities are yours and are increasing*,
they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

→ **IF LACK** (*ans dome DO*)



Lack?

For he who lacks these *qualities* is *blind or short-sighted*,
having forgotten his purification from his former sins.

→ All the MORE diligent!



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Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble;

11 for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.







