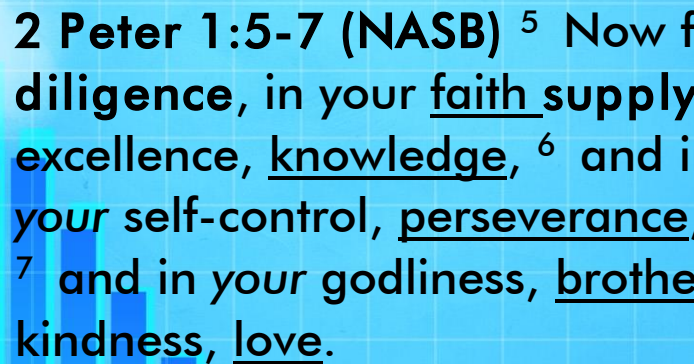


Outline

I. Increasing in _____ 2 Peter 1:5-7 8 Traits



2 Peter 1:5-7 (NASB) ⁵ Now for this very reason also, **applying all diligence**, in your faith **supply moral excellence**, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, ⁶ and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, ⁷ and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.

Outline (continued)

I. Increasing in _____

Not Useless

2 Peter 1:8-11

Not Unfruitful

2 Peter 1:8

No Spiritual blindness

2 Peter 1:8


No Spiritual amnesia

2 Peter 1:9

Not Stumble

2 Peter 1:9

James 2:10; 3:2 2 Peter 3:17



2 Peter 2:20-22 (NASB) ²⁰ For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. ²¹ For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them. ²² It has happened to them according to the true proverb, "A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT," and, "A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire."

Outline (continued)

Entrance into heaven abundantly supplied

 **PETER - Prayer 1:14; 1 Peter 4:7-8 Holy Spirit Filling Acts 2:4; 4:8**
Time: Reflection / Meditation

Proverbs 4:23 (NASB) ²³ Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it *flow* the springs of life.

Colossians 3:12 (NASB) ¹² So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

2 Peter

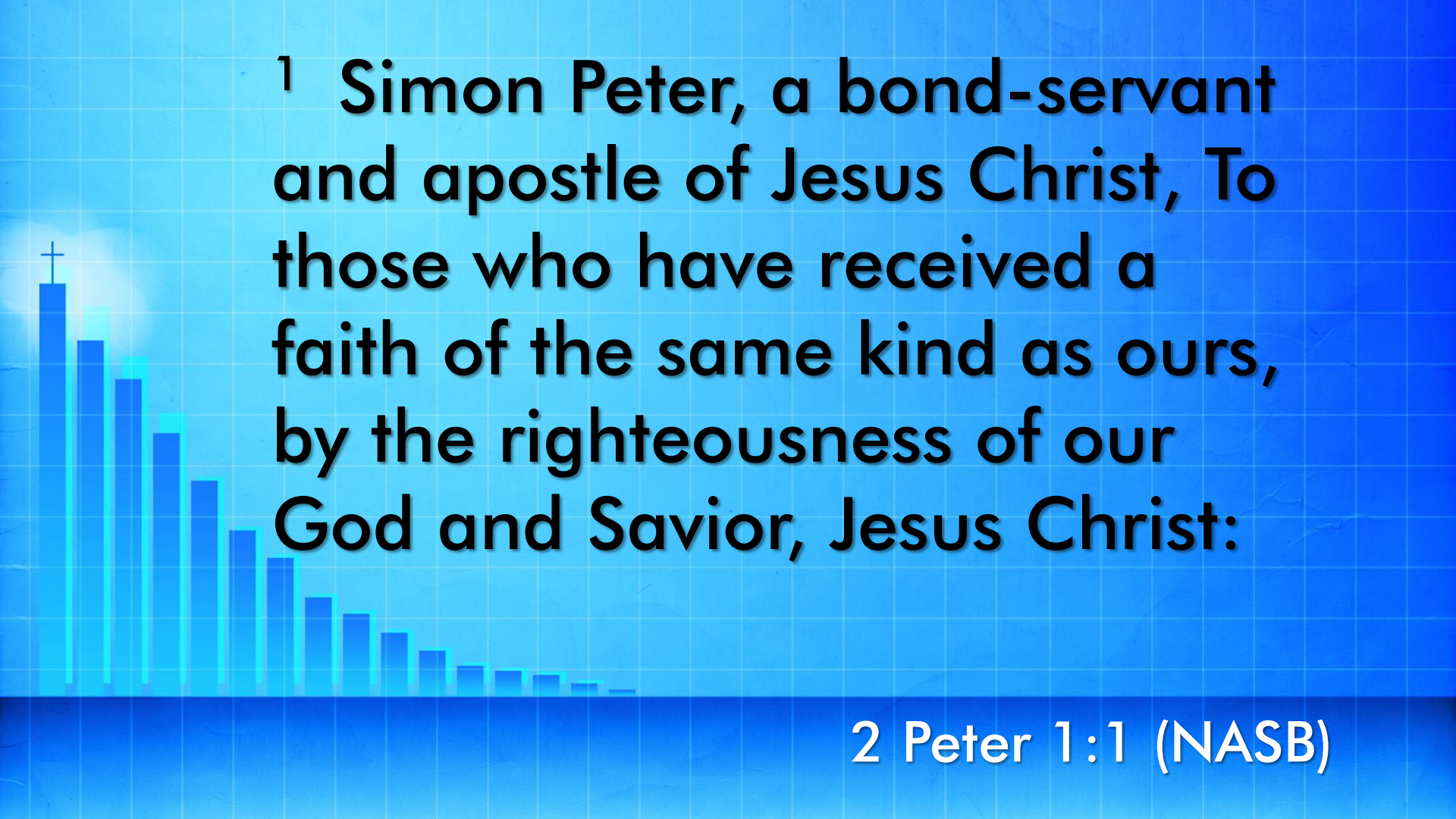
A Life Worth Living For



Increasing

Part II

2 Peter 1:1-11 (NASB)



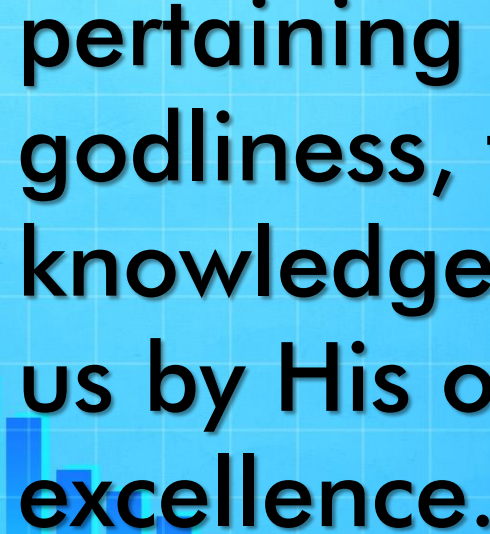
¹ Simon Peter, a bond-servant
and apostle of Jesus Christ, To
those who have received a
faith of the same kind as ours,
by the righteousness of our
God and Savior, Jesus Christ:

2 Peter 1:1 (NASB)

**2 Grace and peace be
multiplied to you in the
knowledge of God and of Jesus
our Lord;**

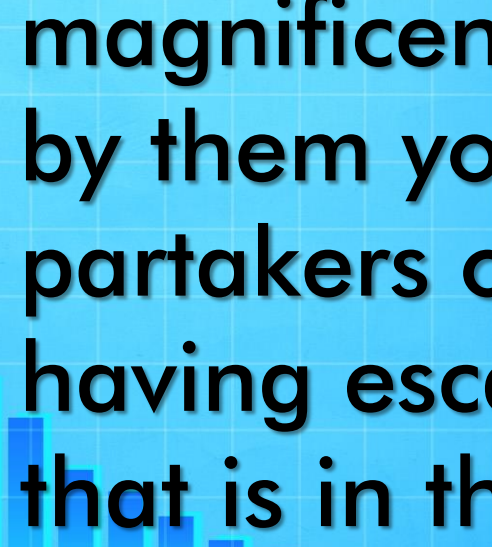


2 Peter 1:2 (NASB)



³ seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

2 Peter 1:3 (NASB)



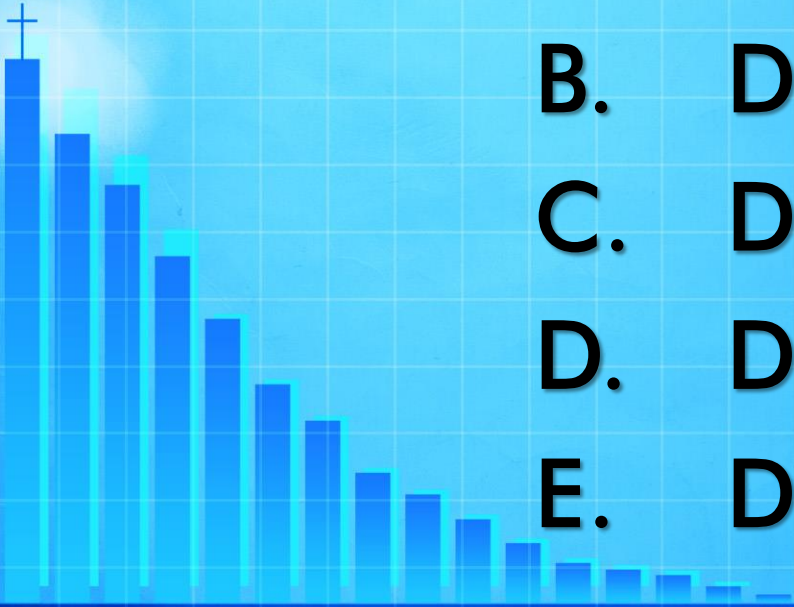
4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

2 Peter 1:4 (NASB)

What God Gives

- A. Divine Power
- B. Divine Promises
- C. Divine Nature
- D. Divine Grace
- E. Divine Peace

2 Peter 1:1-11 (NASB) "Increasing"





Integrity

Ethics

MORALS
Principles

HONEST
Morals

ACCOUNTABILITY
HONORABLE
Rectitude

Right

VALUE
HONOR

FAIR

Lawful

Good Character

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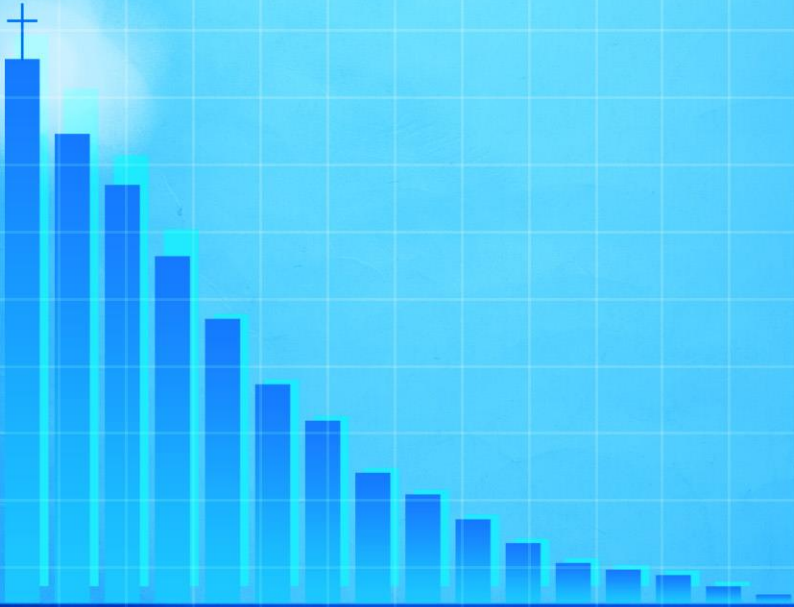
LIFE
Ideology

CORE VALUES
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Truth
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I. Increasing in Character



⁵ Now for this very reason also,
applying all diligence, in your
faith supply moral excellence,
and in *your* moral excellence,
knowledge,

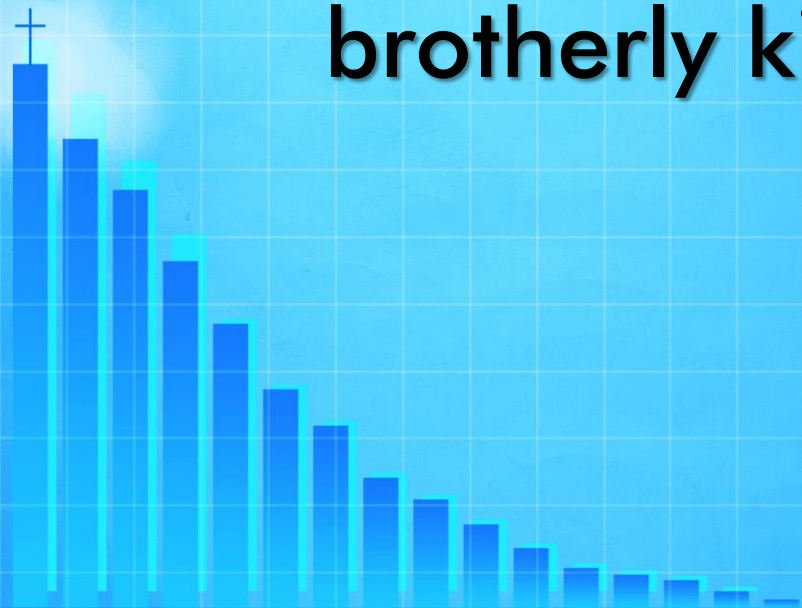
2 Peter 1:5 (NASB)

⁶ and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness,



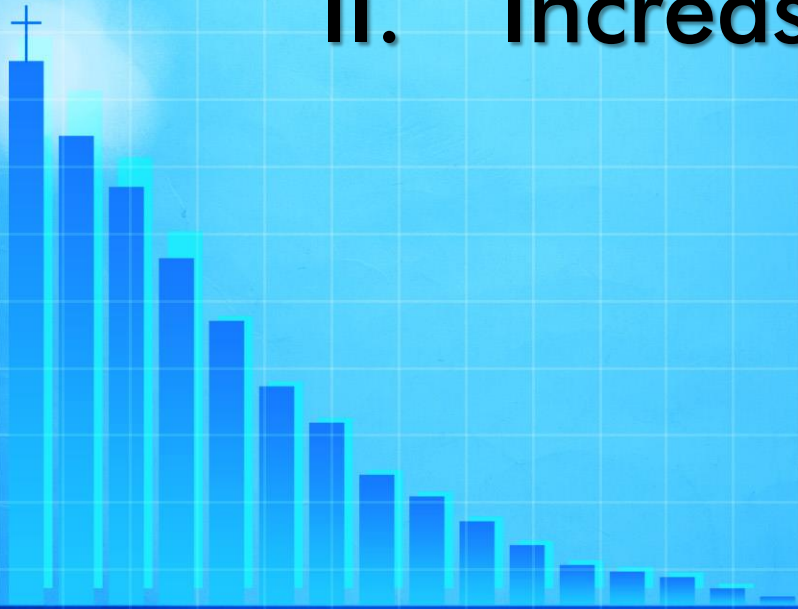
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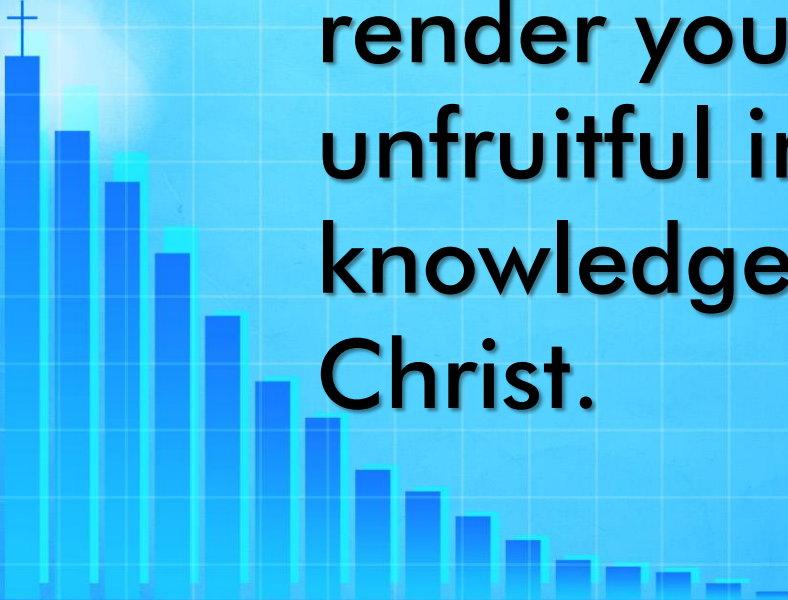
⁷ and in *your* godliness,
brotherly kindness, and in *your*
brotherly kindness, love.



2 Peter 1:7 (NASB)

- I. Increasing in Character
- II. Increasing in Rewards

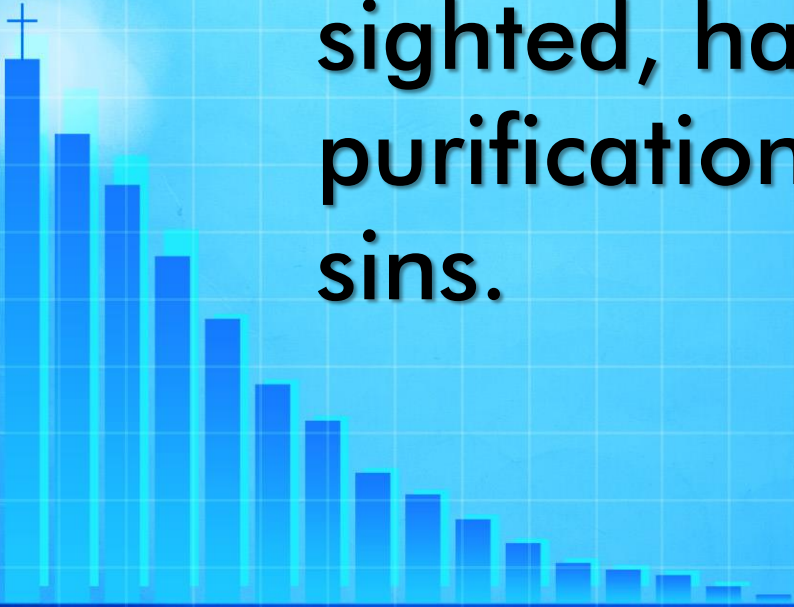





⁸ For if these *qualities* are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:8 (NASB)

⁹ For he who lacks these *qualities* is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten *his* purification from his former sins.



2 Peter 1:9 (NASB)



¹⁰ 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;

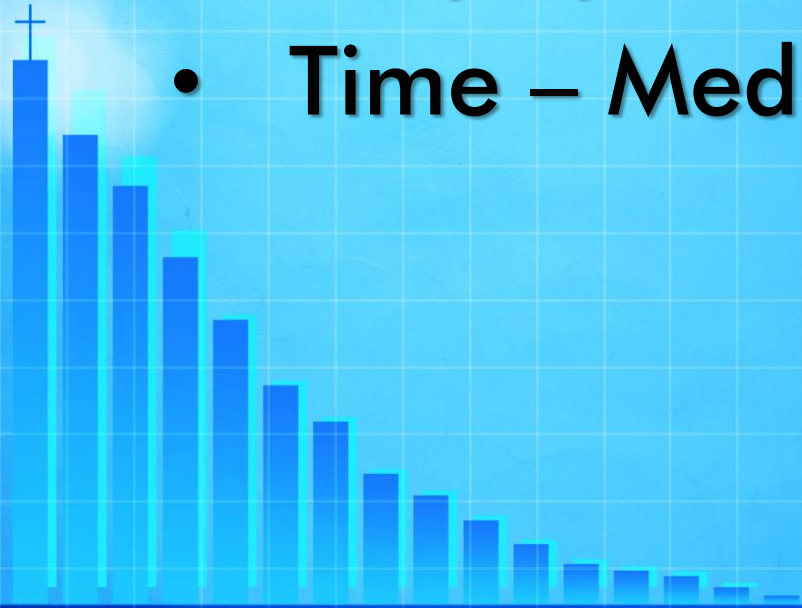
2 Peter 1:10 (NASB)

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



2 Peter 1:11 (NASB)

- Prayer
- Holy Spirit Filling
- Time – Meditation / Reflection



Increasing

Proverbs 4:23 (NASB)

23 Watch over your heart with
all diligence, For from it *flow*
the springs of life.



Increasing



Clarence Doyle Richards

My
Father-in-Law

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|------------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|-------------------|
| Love | Compassion | Kindness | Humility | Gentleness | Patience | Thankful -ness |

Colossians 3:12 (NASB) ¹² So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

Questions

1. Read **Philippians 2:12-13 (NASB)** ¹² So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

After reading the Philippians 2:12-13 passage, share how God working in us to will and to work for His good pleasure relates to us “working out” our salvation. Next, share how the Philippians passage correlates perfectly with the relationship of 2 Peter 1:1-4 with the section of 2 Peter 1:5-7.

Questions (continued)

2. What is the child of God responsible to do with his faith?
3. Are you increasing in your knowledge of God?
If so, to what degree? How rapidly?
What gets in your way of studying God's word consistently?
If so, how are you going to handle this distraction or hindrance?
Write out your plan and share it with the group?
4. In what areas of your life are you lacking self-control?
What are you going to do about those areas?
5. What part has perseverance had in your life lately? Share with the group after you have thought about it.

Questions (continued)

6. Read 1 Tim 6:11. If you were to pursue godliness, what changes would you make in your life?

¹¹ But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness.
7. What is your favorite way to express brotherly love for another person? Of the Five Love Languages that Gary Chapman writes about, what are your top two?

1: Words of Affirmation 3: Receiving Gifts 5: Physical Touch
2: Acts of Service 4: Quality Time
8. Read 1 John 4:7-11 and list what you learn about love. How does love behave? Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 and list your insights.

Questions (continued)

9. Of the seven qualities in verses 5-7, which two do you possess in the greatest measure? How can you grow in one of the other qualities? How can your group help?
10. According to 2 Peter 1:8-9, how will these eight qualities listed in 2 Peter 1:5-7, contribute to your knowledge of Jesus Christ?
11. Why is this moral progress and productive knowledge (vs 8) so desirable for believers (vv 4,10-11)?
12. With the illustration of Peter's life given at the end of the sermon, how do you feel you can bring increasing spiritual growth to your character through PRAYER, HOLY SPIRIT-FILLING, and MEDITATION OR REFLECTION TIME with the Holy Spirit in prayer on a daily basis?