

Character...

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¹ Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,
To those who through the righteousness of our God
and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as
precious as ours:

² Grace and peace be yours in abundance through
the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

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³ His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

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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.

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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.

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Character...

- the underlying moral and personal foundation that serves to make you uniquely you, and which influences the ways and the degree to which others can rely on or trust in you

Your character is the blend of your personality and beliefs, as they are practiced in a daily way...making you not only who you are, but making you the person others can expect or trust you to be.

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There's a truth *that will transform your "character,"* and cause you to experience genuine success (the eternal kind).

- **God has given you all you need to live a godly life.**

You need to receive the gift.

You need to get to know (relate with) the Giver.

You need to believe the promises God has given.

- **You need to "make every effort" to add daily.**

Be intentional.

Recognize what God has given.

Add daily!

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These are eight areas in which we can grow...adding daily.

- Faith
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How do we add to our faith?

- We hear from God. (Romans 10:17)
- We practice faith in the little, daily events of life.
- We remind ourselves and others that our faith is more precious to God than gold.
- We recognize that God is faithful.
- We recognize that timing is in God's hands.
- We recognize that we will grow as we add daily to our faith.

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How do we add to our goodness?

(Goodness = Strength, Power, Excellence, Virtue)

- We recognize the source of true power
- We learn from the One who is goodness (virtue, strength)
 - Luke 8:40-56 (43-48); Mark 5:21-43 (24b-34)
 - Luke 6:17-19 (19)
- We expect (trust) God to flow through us.
- We practice this daily...in little ways, big ways.

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The results of doing these things is really worth it!

- *If we do these things in increasing measure...*
We will be effective and productive.
- *If we do these things in increasing measure...*
We will get to know Jesus better.
- *If we do these things in increasing measure...*
“We will never fall.”
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“We will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

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