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The gift works well...when we add to it daily.

- Each day we invest in “growing” what God has given us.
- We’re to add daily to each of eight vital qualities.
- These qualities form an amazing godly character.

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- 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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A Quote by Helen Keller:



“Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved.”

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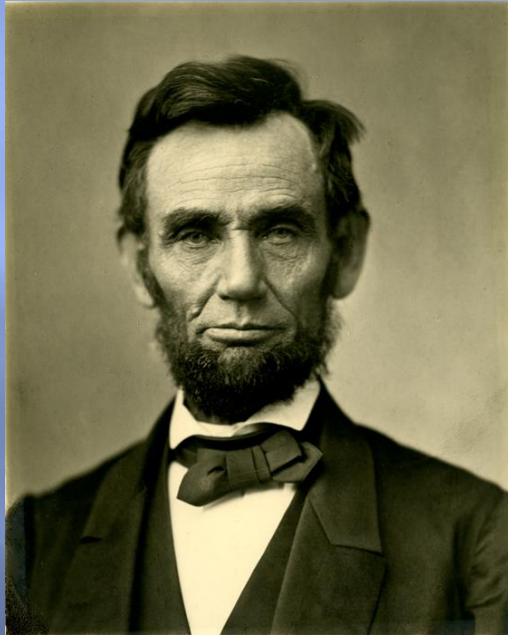
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A Quote by President Abe Lincoln:



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II Peter 1:1-11 (from the NIV1984)

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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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¹⁰ Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, ¹¹ and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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(Knowledge = a personal acquaintance, a personal relationship; knowing relationally first-hand; John 17:3)

- Remind myself that God knows me personally, and loves me
- Invest specific time each day seeking to know God better
- Be on the lookout each day for those times when God reveals himself to me
- Cultivate a friendship with God!

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How do we add to our self-control?

(Self-control = exercising the power to do what is right or good or best, based on internal choice, not external pressure or requirement)

- Recognize that God has given his power to me, through the Holy Spirit; Christ lives in me! Colossians 1:27
- Seek at least once per day to make a decision based on an internal choice, rather than requiring “outer controls”
- Repent when I do not practice this; invite a friend to pray