

“Add to Your Faith” - #4

Maturing to Perfection in Your Walk With the Lord

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2 Peter 1:1-9

*Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge *(experiential) of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.*

Last Week:

- The Great Dilemma - People getting saved faster than Kingdom people are being produced
- What is a Kingdom Person?
- The Rocks are Crying Out **(God using unlikely ambassadors)*
- The faith you have has extremely powerful potential
 - You don't need stronger faith; you need to exercise the faith you have!

Add to your Faith: Seven Qualities of a Kingdom Person

Virtue

- Displaying godly thinking, attitude and conduct
- Moral excellence
- Walking out your convictions; fleshing out the Kingdom life
- Maturing into your true identity as a son/daughter **(virtuous)*

- Integrity, honesty, trustworthiness, dependability
- A person that can be counted on
- In a consistent walk of faith
- One who repents quickly
- Inspires righteous living in others
- A role model in spiritual things

Knowledge

- Understanding, insight
- Committed to spiritual growth
- Not just about receiving information
- Becoming aware of something spiritual ONLY because you have experienced it!
- Biblically astute - Great honor of the written Word
- A 'learner' in life; and a lifelong learner!

Self-control

- Learning to adapt to the Holy Spirit's guidance
- Not yielding to the pressure of the flesh
- One of the great challenges in life
- In command of one's appetites
 - Eating/drinking
 - Sex/intimacy
 - Rest/comfort
 - Security/safety
 - Belonging/acceptance
 - Significance/purpose/destiny
 - Pleasure/enjoyment
 - Knowledge/understanding
- Lust, fear, control, addiction, perversion naturally progress when we're not in command of our appetites
- All these are normal human needs/appetites; they must be brought into balance by the Holy Spirit with your cooperation/obedience
- Consistently deals with the pressure of compromise
- Aware and regular monitoring of the deception/danger of pride

Perseverance

- The resolve to stick with it
- Not a quitter
- Committed to the call of God on your life
- Dependent on the Holy Spirit to guide you into your destiny
- Eager to learn life's lessons and walk in newness
- Understands generational progression *(what you do affects the next generation)
- Gets back up!
- Eye on the prize - **Philippians 3:14** - *"I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus"*
- Disciplined
- A determination to see the Kingdom come

Godliness

- Reverence/devotion for God
- Learning to love like Jesus
- Obedience
- Faith
- Humility
- Purity
- Compassion
- A deep understanding that true godliness is the by-product of relationship with the Father
- Allows the thorough transforming of the Holy Spirit
- Surrendered
- Nothing hidden - What you see is what you get
- No personal agenda
- Impeccable character
- Wholesome words
- Growing in the fruit of the Spirit
 - **Galatians 5:22-23** - *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control Against such there is no law"*
- Characteristics of being conformed into the image of Jesus

Brotherly kindness

- Close kin to agape but in a more relational way
- Celebrates the success of others
- Makes everyone on the 'team' better
- A 'brother's keeper'
- Love for family
- A friend who can be depended on

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- For he who lacks these things
 - Shortsighted; only living for the moment; not destiny-minded
 - Blind to things of the Kingdom
 - Missing the importance of life
 - Void of the joy, excitement and adventure Kingdom life offers
- For if these things are yours and abound
 - These are qualities/characteristics of the abiding work of the Holy Spirit
 - With your cooperation He will produce these things in you
 - You will be consistently maturing in them
- You will be neither barren or unfruitful
 - You WILL BE fruitful
 - Your life will make a (THE) difference the Father has purposed