

MESSAGE NOTES



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Those who are truly “Christian” are devoted to the life-long pursuit of becoming more and more like Jesus.

³ *By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. ⁴And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world’s corruption caused by human desires. ⁵In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God’s promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone. ⁸The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins. ¹⁰So, dear*

brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away. ¹¹Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:3-11 (NLT)

God supplies the power and promises to support our spiritual growth and maturity.

We supply the effort and resolve.

The choice to grow is ours.

Essential Qualities We all need to develop

- **Faith** – Trust and obedience
- **Moral excellence** – Based on God’s standard not the culture’s
- **Knowledge** – Learning practical insights from God’s word to guide our lives
- **Self control** – Ruling over our desires and passions
- **Patient endurance** – Hanging in there and not giving up
- **Godliness** – Living for God’s honor above all else
- **Brotherly affection** – Devotion to other followers
- **Love for everyone** – Christ-like love to all

Progress proves my faith is real.

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BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation