

DAY NINE - 2 Peter 1:2-8 - Be An Onward Christian

"May grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. By these He has given us very great and precious promises, so that through them you may share in the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world because of evil desires. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with goodness, goodness with knowledge, knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with godliness, godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they will keep you from being useless or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Dear brothers and sisters , as we answer the call of Jesus Christ we begin to understand the mind of Christ, and the will of God.

In this text we can see His passion for our advancement. Our God cares for us to much to be stuck in our ways and struggling with our flesh. It seems that there is an order to our progress and that it needs to be intentional.

"His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence," 2 Peter 1:3

This is an amazing promise and as you read the following verses you will see that <u>the</u> <u>promise</u> is fulfilled by God <u>through us and our actions</u>.

For we are to "make every effort to supplement our faith with virtue (moral excellence), and virtue with knowledge(information), and knowledge with self-control (a disciplined self), and self-control with steadfastness (loyalty, faithfulness), and steadfastness with godliness(righteousness), and godliness with brotherly affection(protectiveness, warmheartedness), and brotherly affection with love(selfless)."

2 Peter 1:5-7

How then should we continue? How can we make steps towards becoming who God has created us to be? The Lord has always answered me in simple terms that I can understand.

"<u>Read your Bible and Pray every day."</u>



Of course life will teach you lessons of its own and there are many teachers and helpers along the way. However if we can get one thing right in answering the call: *Read the Word and Pray every day. Love you All!*

Being a Christian is more than an instantaneous conversion, it is a daily process whereby you grow more and more like Christ. Billy Graham

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