

Higher GROUND

(2 Peter 1:1-11)

What we have been given

1. It begins with the reassurance of a **LEVEL PLAYING FIELD**. (*1 Corinthians 4:7; Philippians 2:13; Galatians 3:28; Romans 2:11; 1 Peter 2:10*)
2. Accept that we have been given **ALL** we need! (*Colossians 1:13; 1 Peter 2:9; 2 Corinthians 1:9-10; Ephesians 2:4-6*)
3. His power works in me an abundance and fulfillment in what truly matters: living more **LIKE CHRIST**. (*Philippians 3:8-10; Psalm 50:15; Ephesians 1:3; Romans 6:14; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Philippians 4:13; James 4:7; 1 John 1:9*)

Build upon the FAITH we have been given

4. Add to your faith **VIRTUE**. (*Philippians 4:8*)
5. Then add **KNOWLEDGE**. (*Colossians 2:2-3*)
6. Then add **SELF-CONTROL**. (*1 Corinthians 9:26-27; Galatians 5:23*)
7. Then add **PERSEVERANCE**. (*Hebrews 12:2; 1 Corinthians 15:58*)
8. Then add **GODLINESS**. (*1 Timothy 4:8*)
9. Then add brotherly **KINDNESS**. (*Romans 12:10*)
10. Then add **LOVE**. (*1 Corinthians 13*)

If we fail to build upon what we have been given?



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Taking it further to help you **THRIVE...**

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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Peter begins by telling his readers that they “*received and possess [by God’s will] a precious faith of the same kind*” as his own (2 Peter 1:1, Amplified Bible). In other words, there are no ‘super saints’. Why then do we often compare ourselves to others and make flawed conclusions about who we are or what we have in Christ? Why is this dangerous?
3. Verse 3 says that God has already given us “*all things that pertain to life and godliness*”, yet verse 5 says to “*give all diligence / make every effort*”. How do these 2 statements fit/work together?
4. What are some specific ways we can add to / supplement / exercise our faith to yield the qualities Peter listed in verses 5-7?
5. From verses 8-9, what are some characteristics of a Christian who is *not* growing? Are there areas where any of these are present in your life?
6. Discuss this quote from William MacDonald: “There is either advance or decline in the pathway of discipleship - no standing still. There is strength and security in moving forward; danger and failure in retreat.”

