

DOUBLE DOG DARE--BUILD
2 Peter 1:3-11

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THREE GUIDELINES ON HOW TO BUILD GOOD CHARACTER

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God...”has given us everything we need for a godly life...”
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”...make every effort to add to your faith...”
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”...brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election.”

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