



**“The Seven Christian Virtues”**  
**2 Peter 1:5-7**  
**Growing in Grace**

*2 Peter 1:5-7 – “Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, 6 and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, 7 and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.”*

**I. God has given us everything we need to grow spiritually.**

Verse 5 – “Now for this very reason also...”

**II. Spiritual growth is not automatic. It takes effort!**

Verse 5 – “Applying all diligence...”

**III. Faith is the foundation of all Christian virtue.**

Verse 5 – “In your faith...”

**IV. Christian character grows over time.**

Verse 5 – “Supply...”

Are these virtues sequential or simultaneous?

Is this list comprehensive? (cf. Gal 5:22-23)

## V. Seven Christian Virtues

1. Moral excellence
2. Knowledge
3. Self-control
4. Perseverance
5. Godliness
6. Brotherly Kindness
7. Love

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is God's part in sanctification? What is our part? How would you suggest Christians maintain a healthy balance between the two?
2. Why does all Christian virtue grow out of faith?
3. Do you think the seven virtues Peter lists are sequential or simultaneous? Explain your answer.
4. Which of the virtues do you feel are your greatest strengths? Which one(s) do you need to work on the most?
5. What main lesson or action item are you going to take away from the message?