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*DIVINE POWER
A STUDY OF 2 PETER*

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, ⁶ to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, ⁷ to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. ⁸ For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

~ 2 Peter 1:5-8

EVERYTHING YOU NEED

Diligence means; pursuing God and His kingdom full throttle, with urgency, zeal, and earnestness.

Whatever you do, **work at it with all your heart**, as working for the Lord, not for human masters. ~ **Colossians 3:23**

“If I have any message to give from my own bed of sickness, it would be this-if you do not wish to be full of regrets when you are obliged to lie still, work while you can... You will never regret having done all that lies in you for our blessed Lord and Master. Crowd as much as you can into every day, and postpone no work till to-morrow. “Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.”

~ **Charles Spurgeon**~

The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich. ~ **Proverbs 13:4**

Memory Verse

“Giving all diligence, add to your faith, virtue; add to virtue, knowledge; add to knowledge, self-control; add to self-control, perseverance; add to perseverance, godliness; add to godliness, brotherly kindness; and add to brotherly kindness, love.”

~ **2 Peter 1:5-7**

We can find this same theme throughout the Bible. This is the same message the Apostle Paul used to challenge and motivate the Philippians to an active pursuit of holiness in their lives.

*“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation** with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure”*

~ **Philippians 2:12-13**

PETER INSTRUCTS US TO ADD SEVEN SPIRITUAL QUALITIES TO OUR SAVING FAITH:

1. VIRTUE

*And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ **and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."***

~ Matthew 3:16-17

He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified.

~ Matthew 17:5-6

For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸ And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

~ 2 Peter 1:17-18

*Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be **well pleasing to Him.** ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*

~ 2 Corinthians 5:9

*For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with **the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;** ¹⁰ that **you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him,** being fruitful in every good work and **increasing in the knowledge of God.***

~ Colossians 1:9-10

2. KNOWLEDGE

3. SELF-CONTROL

4. PERSEVERANCE

5. GODLINESS

6. BROTHERLY KINDNESS

7. LOVE

Next Steps:

- Memorize 2 Peter 1:5-7
- Become a follower of Jesus
- Sign up for Growth Track
- Invite a friend to service next week