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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,**<sup>6</sup> **to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,**<sup>7</sup> **to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.**<sup>8</sup> 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

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

### 1. VIRTUE: (Moral Excellence)

### 2. KNOWLEDGE

*Jesus said... "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me." ~ Matthew 11:29a*

**Discipleship Involves Three Steps...**

#### 1) I Want To Know You

*In Jesus are hidden... "all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."  
~ Colossians 2:3*

*Jesus said, "I am the...truth" ~John 14:6*

#### 2) I Will Follow You

*And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.*

*<sup>19</sup> Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

*<sup>20</sup> They immediately left their nets and followed Him. ~ Matthew 4:18-20*

*"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" ~ 2 Timothy 2:15*

#### 3) I Will Obey You

*But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.  
~ James 1:22*

*For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the LORD, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel. ~ Ezra 7:10*

### 3. SELF-CONTROL

*Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ~ Matthew 16:24*

- **Self-control shows spiritual maturity**

- Self-control is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit

**Memory Verse**

*For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of **power and love and self-control.**  
~ 2 Timothy 1:7*

*“I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”  
~ Galatians 5:16*

- Self-control begins in the mind

*For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ~ Romans 8:5*

*“Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.”  
~ Proverbs 4:23 (GNT)*

*If then you were raised with Christ, **seek those things which are above,** where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> **Set your mind on things above,** not on things on the earth. ~ Colossians 3:1-2*

#### **4. PERSEVERANCE**

- Perseverance produces transformation

*And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that **tribulation produces perseverance;** <sup>4</sup> and **perseverance, character;** and character, hope.  
~ Romans 5:3*

*“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your **faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work** so that you **may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.**” ~ James 1:2-4 (NIV)*

*But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are **being transformed into the same image** from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.  
~ 2 Corinthians 3:18*

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. **And let us run with perseverance** the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame,*

*and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*  
~ **Hebrews 12:1-3(NIV)**

## **5. GODLINESS**

## **6. BROTHERLY KINDNESS**

## **7. LOVE**

### **Next Steps:**

Memorize 2 Timothy 1:7

Become a follower of Jesus

Sign up for Growth Track

Invite a friend to service next week