

# make it YOUR GOAL

2 Peter 1:3-11...

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## GOD HAS PROVIDED US WITH ALL THE RESOURCES WE NEED FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

“ His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires”

2 PETER 1:3-4 (NIV)

“ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.”

1 CORINTHIANS 12:13 (NIV)

## PURSUE SPIRITUAL GROWTH AS YOUR HIGHEST PRIORITY.

“ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.”

2 PETER 1:5-7 (NIV)

NIV: “*make every effort*”

New American Standard Bible:  
“*applying all diligence*”

New English Bible:  
“*you should try your hardest*”

“ I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

JOHN 10:10B (NIV)

“ They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.”

PSALM 36:8 (NIV)

“ Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”

2 TIMOTHY 2:22 (NIV)

## WE BEGIN WITH FAITH.

Add to your faith goodness.

“ Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.”

ROMANS 12:9B (NIV)

Add to your goodness knowledge.

“ Everyone did what was right in their own eyes.”

JUDGES 21:25B (NASB)

Add to your knowledge self-control.

“ If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.”

GENESIS 4:7 (NIV)

Add to your self-control perseverance.

Add to your perseverance godliness.

Add to your godliness mutual affection =

philadelphia =

brotherly love.

Add to your mutual affection love =

agape.

“ You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.”

MATTHEW 5:43-45A (NIV)

### GOD PROVIDES US WITH STRONG MOTIVATIONS FOR MAKING SPIRITUAL GROWTH OUR TOP PRIORITY.

“ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 PETER 1:8-11 (NIV)

### BEWARE OF MAKING SUBSTITUTES:

- 1) Religious Observances Like Going to Church
- 2) Bible Knowledge or Bible Discussion
- 3) Correct Doctrine
- 4) Correct Political Position

“ The cheerful heart has a continual feast.”

PROVERBS 15:15 (NIV)

John Stott's

MORNING PRAYER

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Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Heavenly Father, I pray that I may live this day in your presence and please you more and more.

Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow you.

Holy Spirit, I pray that this day you will fill me with yourself and cause your fruit to ripen in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

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