

Me, Myself, and I Give Up!
(Getting out of our own way so God can grow us)
Part 2- “For This Very Reason!”
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⁵But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, ⁶to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, ⁷to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. ⁸For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. 2 Peter 1:5-9

Since “His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue...”

For this very reason,

We must get out of the way of...

- Our own contentment for mediocrity
- By being diligent in what we know is essential for us to grow.

We must get out of the way of...

- Our own spiritual pride

Salvation comes from the grace and finished work of Jesus. Our response to that grace should grow us in the character of Jesus.

- We obtained a precious Faith – add to that, virtue;
- We receive grace and peace (multiplied!) through the knowledge of Christ – add to that knowledge on the daily!
- We were given all things pertaining to life and godliness – add to that self control
- We were called to life in Christ – add to that perseverance
- We escaped corruption – add to that godliness, brotherly kindness, and love.

LET’S SUM IT UP!

We are not doing to earn God’s favor, we are responding to what He has already done for us to keep our focus on Him.

¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; ¹¹ for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. -2 Peter 1:10-11

We acknowledge the value of God's gift by:

- **actively growing in His grace;**
- **modeling His virtues; and**
- **expecting a greater reward abundantly in the everlasting Kingdom of our Lord.**