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II Peter 1:5-11

⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with goodness, goodness with knowledge, ⁶ knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with godliness, ⁷ godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being useless or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ The person who lacks these things is blind and shortsighted and has forgotten the cleansing from his past sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election, because if you do these things you will never stumble. ¹¹ For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

¹² Therefore I will always remind you about these things, even though you know them and are established in the truth you now have. ¹³ I think it is right, as long as I am in this bodily tent, to wake you up with a reminder, ¹⁴ since I know that I will soon lay aside my tent, as our Lord Jesus Christ has indeed made clear to me. ¹⁵ And I will also make every effort so that you are able to recall these things at any time after my departure.

I. Take your supplements!

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A. Salvation is a gift to us, however we cannot be idle after salvation.

Phil 2:12 ¹² Therefore, my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed, so now, not only in my presence but even more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. ¹³ For it is God who is working in you both to will and to work according to his good purpose.

B. We are "bring in" some supplements to our salvation experience.

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C. Use these supplements.

"Seven Steps to Spiritual Health" by Dr. David Dykes

1. FAITH + EFFORT = GOODNESS

2. KNOWLEDGE

3. SELF-CONTROL

4. PERSEVERANCE

5. GODLINESS

6. KINDNESS

7. LOVE

II. The benefits of "taking the supplements".

A. We possess and increase the supplements so we can become mature/helpful believers.

⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being useless or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

B. If we do not possess or increase the supplements we will not be mature/helpful believers.

⁹ The person who lacks these things is blind and shortsighted and has forgotten the cleansing from his past sins

III. Taking the supplements will boost your confidence and build security in your salvation.

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into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

A. Why do people doubt their salvation?

1. Bad angry sermons.
2. Unconfessed sin and or struggles with a sin area.
3. Memory loss
4. Hard times.

B. There are several indicators that people have been saved. (Help for doubters)

I John 5:13 I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

“How to Be Absolutely Sure About This Election” by Dr David Dyles

- (1) You will have a hunger to know God
- (2) You will have a hatred of sin
- (3) You will have a heart to love other Christians