



(2 PETER 1:5-11)

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“MAKING OUR CALLING &
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To make
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2 Peter 1:5–11 (NKJV)

⁵ 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.



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ADD TO YOUR PRECIOUS FAITH ...



✦ But also for this very reason (1:5a)

- By faith we have accepted God's call to receive the provision for our salvation (1:1; Rom. 1:16,17; 6:16-18)
- Through knowledge of God's provision we have received grace and peace, receiving all things that pertain to life and godliness (1:2,3)
- God's glory and virtue has given us great and precious promises, through which we can partake of the divine nature (1:4a)
- We have therefore escaped the corruption that is in the world (4b)

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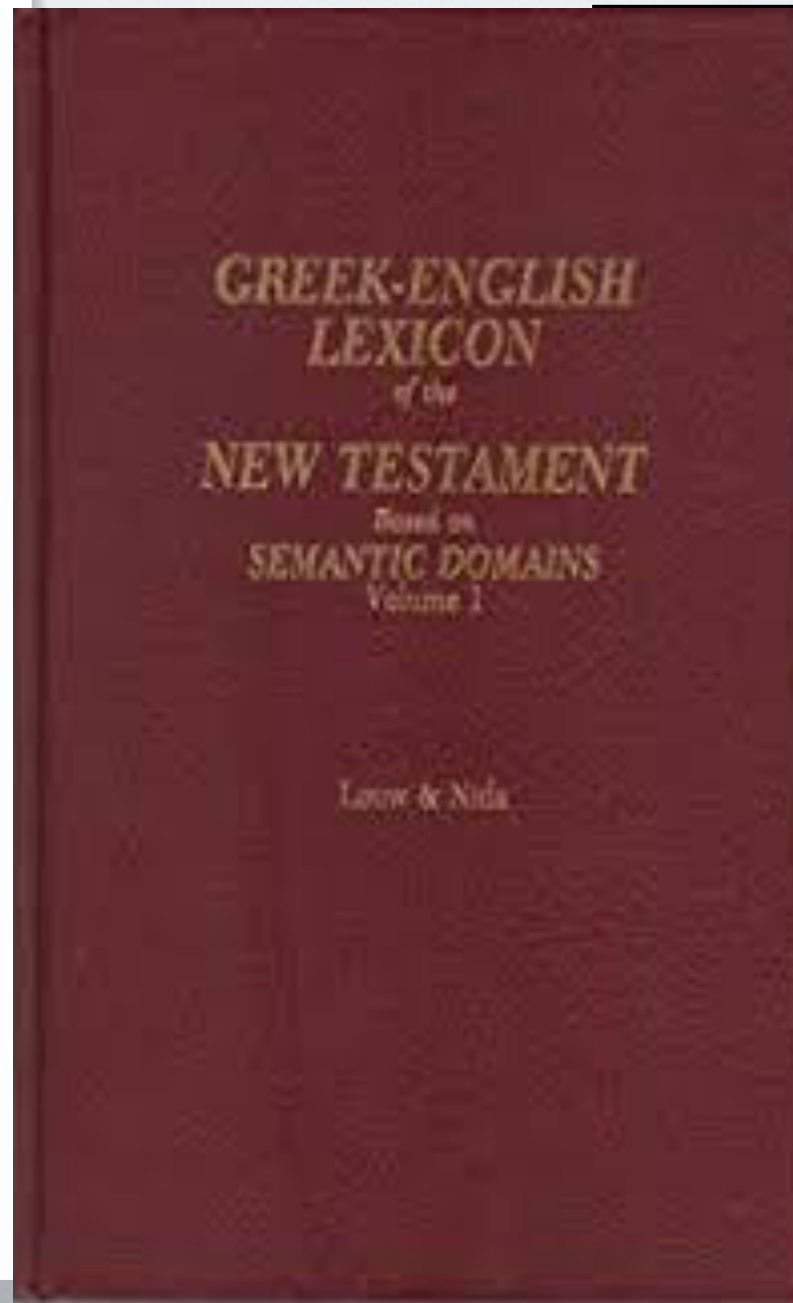
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◆ Giving all diligence (1:5b)



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your faith’ 2 Pe 1:5. ...

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◆ Giving all diligence (1:5b)

■ Diligence is an oft repeated command (Ex. 15:26; Deut 4:9; 6:7; Jos 23:11; Pr 4:23; Rom 12:11; 2 Tim 2:15; Heb. 4:11; 6:11; 11:6; 2 Pet. 1:5,10; 3:14)

- ▶ Requires Purpose – Mature Christians do not just happen - they are made (Jos. 24:15; Mat. 6:33; Rom. 6:16-18)
- ▶ Requires Commitment – Can't be double minded (1 Kings 18:21; Acts 11:23)
- ▶ Requires Continued pursuit – No shortcuts - Takes time, great effort and patience (1 Cor. 15:58; Col. 1:23)

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◆ **Add to your faith (1:5c)**

■ **Add To** – ἐπιχορηγέω -
epichorēgeō

- ▶ To supply, furnish, to minister unto – [Vines; Thayer; BDAG] - 1:11; 2 Cor. 9:10; Gal. 3:5; Col. 2:19
- ▶ The verb rendered add (ἐπιχορηγήσατε) is derived from χορός a chorus, ..The verb originally means to bear the expense of a chorus ... In the NT sense of supplying or providing.

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◆ **Add to your faith (1:5c)**

- Faith is the foundation (1:1; Rom. 10:9-17; Heb. 11:1, 6)
- Faith is personal (John 8:24)
- Faith is the motivation (Gal 2:20; Heb. 10:39; 11:1-12:11)
- Faith **MUST ACT** (2 Cor. 5:7; James 1:22-25; 2:14-26)
- Faith **MUST GROW** (Luke 17:5; 2 Thes. 1:3; Rom. 10:17)

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◆ **Add Virtue (1:5c)**

- ἀρετήα, ἥς f: the quality of moral excellence—‘outstanding goodness, L.N.
- Original and general sense seems to be blended with the impression made on others, i.e., renown, excellence or praise (Hort)
- Emirates from God’s goodness and divine nature (vs. 3; Phil. 4:8)

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- ▶ **Add Knowledge** – Vs. 5; Rom 15:14; 1 Cor. 1:5; 2 Cor 4:6
 - (gnōsin) Insight, understanding
 - Knowledge of God and ourselves (Eccl. 12:13; Acts 17:23-31)
 - Knowledge of His will (Phili 3:8; 2 Pet 3:18; Acts 17:11,12; Eph 3:5; Hos. 4:6; 1 Pet. 2:2; Heb. 5:12-14)
 - Gained from examining scripture (Acts 17:11)

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- ▶ **Add Self Control** – vs. 6; Gal 5:23; Acts 24:25
 - “Restraint of one's emotions, impulses, or desires, self-control” - [BDAG]
 - Need to be constantly in control (thoughts, tongue, temper and actions) Jas. 1:14; 1 Cor. 9:25-27; 2 Cor 10:5
 - Doing RIGHT is our choice!

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► **Add Perseverance** – vs. 6; Jas. 1:2-4, 13; Job; Jas. 5:11

■ Capacity to hold out or bear up in the face of difficulty, patience, endurance, fortitude, steadfastness, perseverance [BDAG]

■ Run with endurance - Acts 14:22; Rom 5:3; Heb. 10:36; 12:1-3, 6:12; Jas. 5:7-8

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- ▶ **Add Godliness** – vs. 6; 1:3; 3:11; Prov. 1:7; Ps 112:1
 - "To be devout," denotes piety, a "Godward attitude," seeking to do what pleases God.
 - Piety & Respect for God - much more valuable than anything in this world (1 Tim 4:7,8; 6:6)
 - Society is becoming more godless & immoral (2 Tim 3:1-5; 4:1-5)

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- ▶ **Add Brotherly Kindness** – vs. 7; Rom 12:10; 1 Thes 4:9; Heb 13:1; 1 Pet 1:22
 - Loving and being kind to other Christians, (We ARE family) (John 13:34,35; 1 Pet. 1:22; Eph. 4:32)
 - As children of God, we MUST seek the spiritual development of each other for the good of the body (Rom. 12:3-16; 1 Cor. 12:12-26)
 - Let us seek to express our kindness in word and deed! (Gal 6:10; 1 Thes 4:10; 1 John 3:14-17)

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- ▶ **Add Love** – Rom 13:10; 1 Cor 13:1-8, 13; 16:14
 - Seeks the best interest of its object because we value it - Rom 13:10; 5:8,9
 - As Christ loved us - Eph. 5:2
 - Without love, anything we do profits nothing - 1 Cor 13:1:8
 - Binds all qualities - Col 3:14

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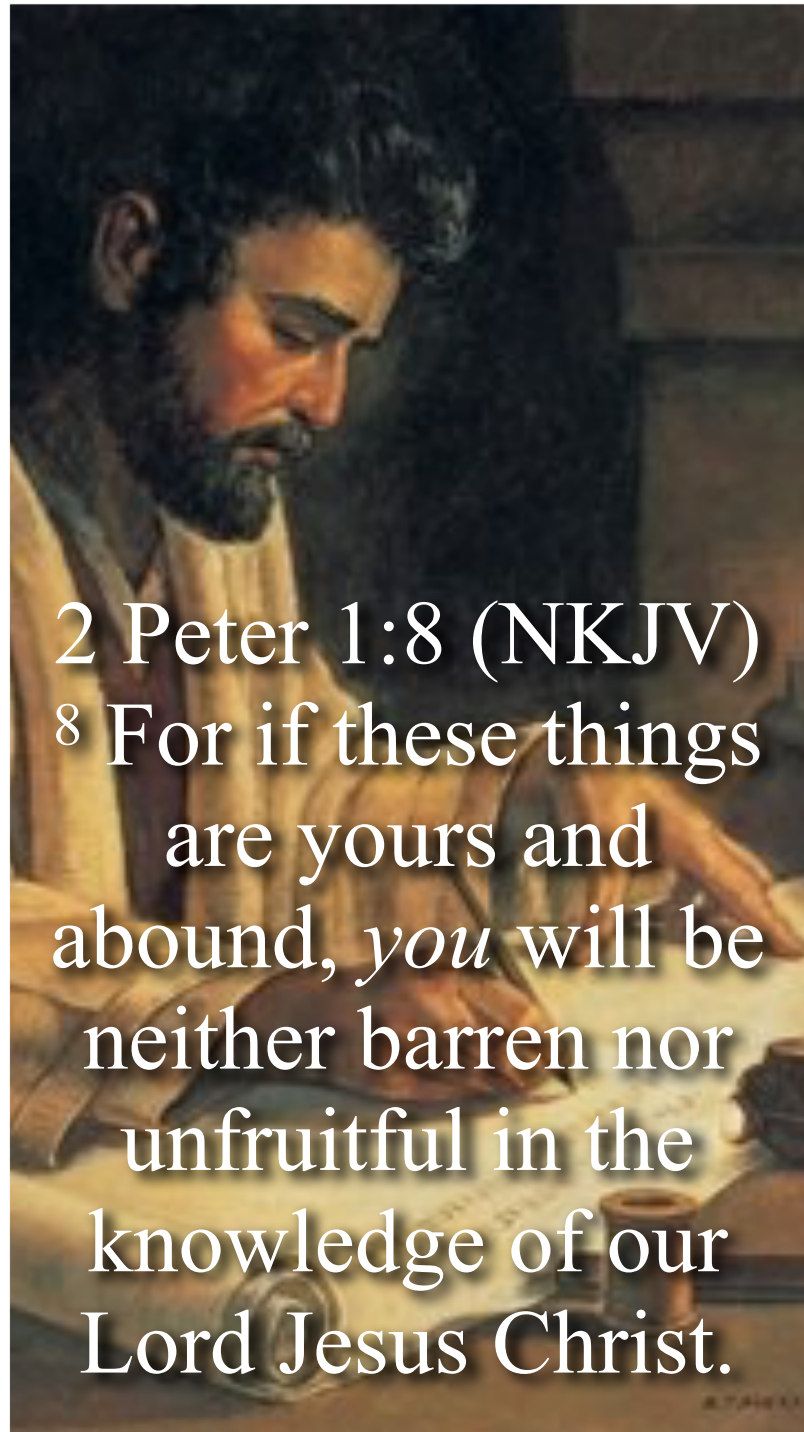
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- ▶ **Add Love** – Rom 13:10; 1 Cor 13:1-8, 13; 16:14
- Love for God - Mat. 22:37
- Love for neighbor - Mat. 22:39
- Love for wives, husbands, children - Eph. 5:25, Titus 2:4
- Love for enemies - Mat. 5:44

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- Things needed to be added to our faith are obtainable (Phil. 4:13)
- “Abound” = literally “and are increasing” - Peter again stressing the need for continual growth.
- We will be useful to the Lord and bear much fruit (Mat. 13:23)
- True knowledge of God can only be attained by the person who grows morally (1:5-7)

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IF WE DO NOT ADD TO OUR FAITH



► **For he who lacks these things ... (9)**

- **“is shortsighted, even to blindness,”** i.e., near-sighted, dim-sighted - focused upon the things of this world and unable to see that which can only be seen through FAITH (Re. 3:17; 2 Co. 4:3, 4, 17, 18; Rom. 8:17-39)
- **“and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.”** - The one who doesn't grow after being baptized forgets the great blessing of salvation (Psalm 103:1-5; 2 Peter 2:20-22)

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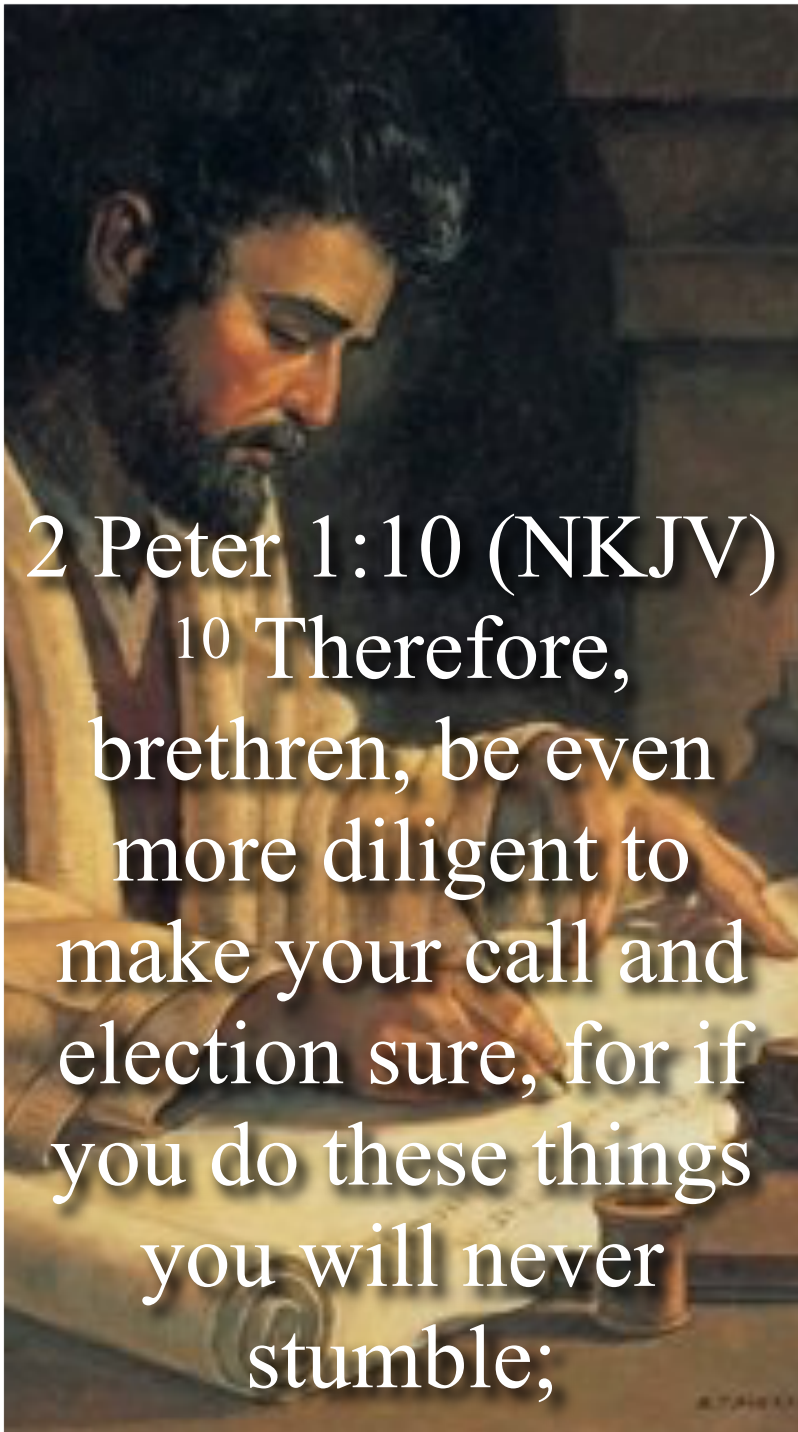
IF YOU DO THESE THINGS



- ▶ **Be even more diligent to make your call and election sure (10)**
- Our calling & election are conditioned upon us "doing these things" - the clear necessary implication is we can fall (2 Pet. 2:20-22; Heb. 3:14-4:1; etc.)
- Our election and security are NOT UNCONDITIONAL (John 10:27-29; Rom. 8:1-39; etc.)
- If we do these things we will never stumble so as to be eternally lost (Col. 1:23; John 15:5-11)

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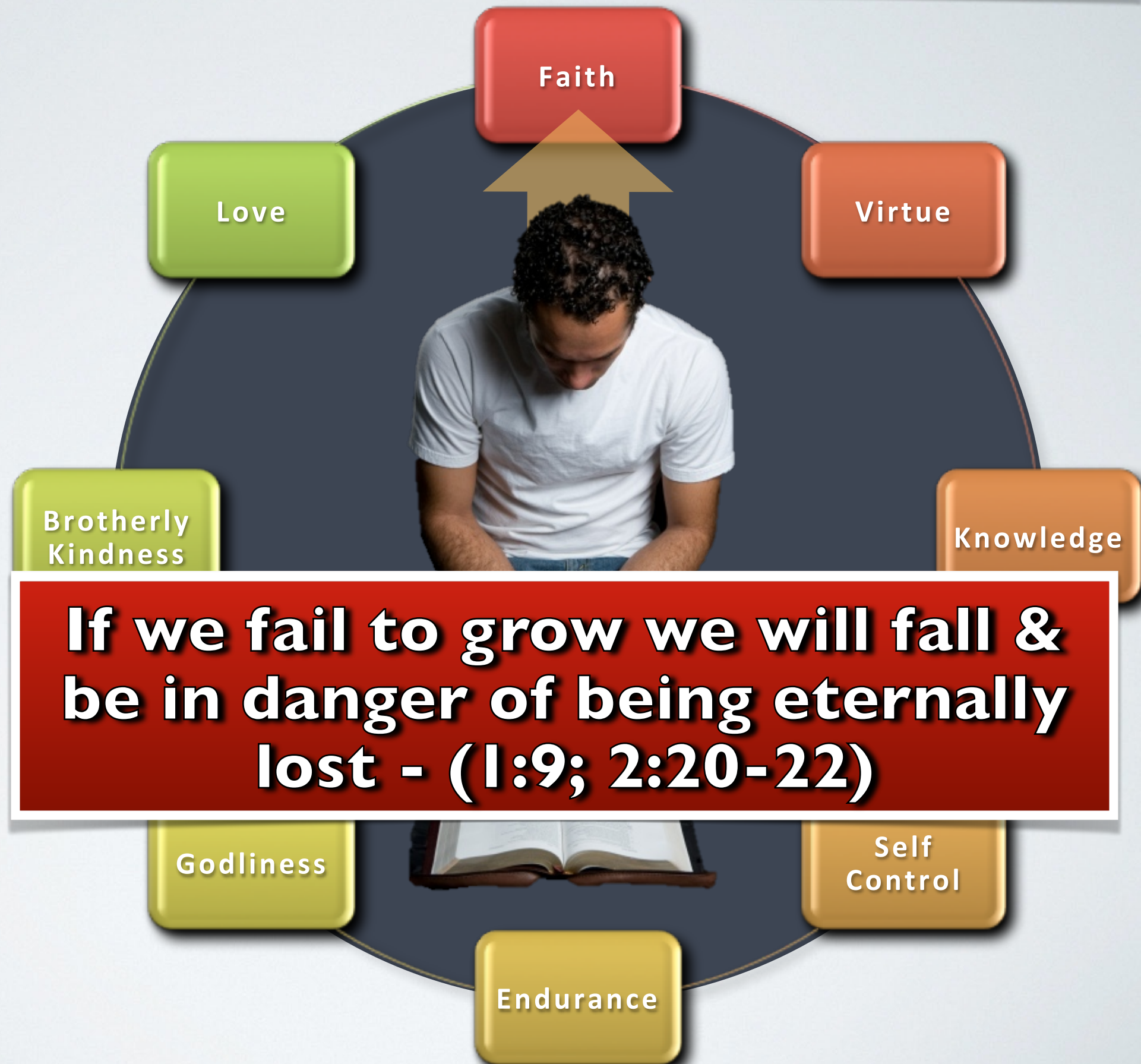
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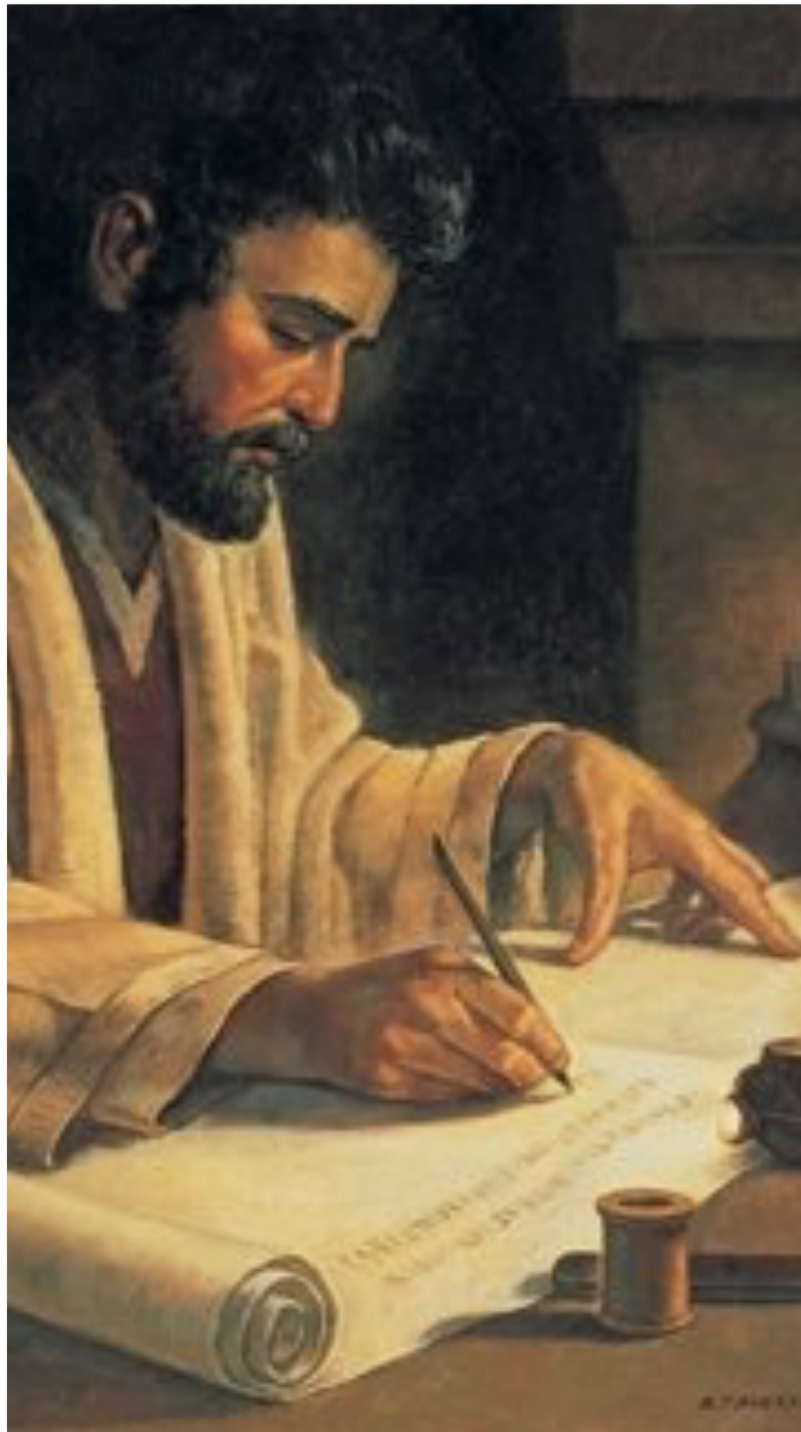
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“WHY TRUE FAITH IS PRECIOUS”

INTRODUCTION TO SECOND PETER



- ❖ Have you obtained the “like precious faith these brethren received?”
- ❖ Have you believed and obeyed the truth?
- ❖ Have you escaped the corruption that is in the world?



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Philippians 1:9–11 (NKJV)

⁹ And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, ¹¹ being filled with the fruits of righteousness which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.