

# Adding To Your Faith

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**MOST**

*of us*

- ◆ Recognize the need to grow -
- ◆ Have a desire to grow –
- ◆ Acknowledge a need for assistance to grow

*2 Peter 1:1-11*



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- ✦ Spiritual growth is a divine requirement for every believer - (*We are free moral agents*)
- ✦ The Word of God is the divine provision for spiritual growth.
- ✦ We never stay the same – we are either growing spiritually – or we are growing weaker!

*2 Peter 1:1-11*



## 2 Peter 1:1-11 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup> Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, <sup>3</sup> as 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,





## 2 Peter 1:1-11 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust. <sup>5</sup> 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.





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<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. <sup>9</sup> For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.





## **2 Peter 1:1-11 (NKJV)**

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





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♦ **DILIGENCE** – Heb. 6:11; 2 Pet. 1:5,10

\* **Purpose** – Mature Christians do not just happen - they are made - Jos. 24:15; Mat. 6:33

\* **Commitment** – Can't be double minded - 1 Kings 18:21; Acts 11:23

\* **Continued pursuit** – No shortcuts - Takes time, great effort and patience - 1 Cor. 15:58; Col. 1:23



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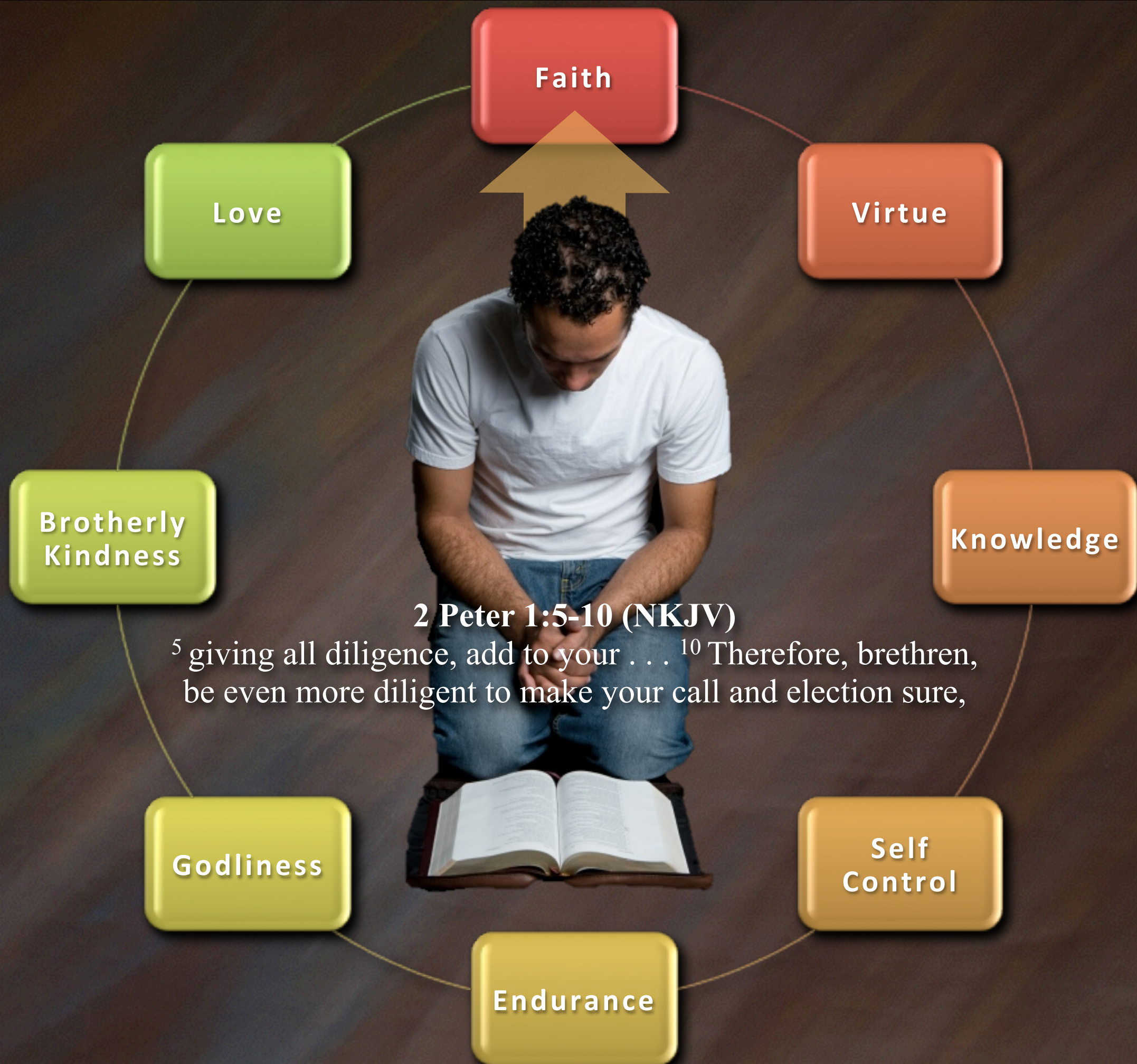


◆ **ADD TO** – ἐπιχορηγέω - epichorēgeō

\* **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 –**  
Heb. 11:1; Rom. 10:17

- \* Faith is the foundation -  
Heb. 11:1, 6
- \* Faith is the motivation - 2  
Cor. 5:7; Gal 2:20
- \* Faith should grow -  
Luke 17:5; 2 Ths. 1:3;  
Rom. 10:17





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♦ **ADD VIRTUE** – 2 Pet 1:3;  
Phili 4:8

- \* **Defined as moral excellence -**  
Moral power, moral energy,  
vigor of soul (Bengel)
- \* **“Bring the finest character to  
your commitment” [BDAG]**
- \* **A holy nation - *called out of  
darkness into light - 1 Pet 2:9***





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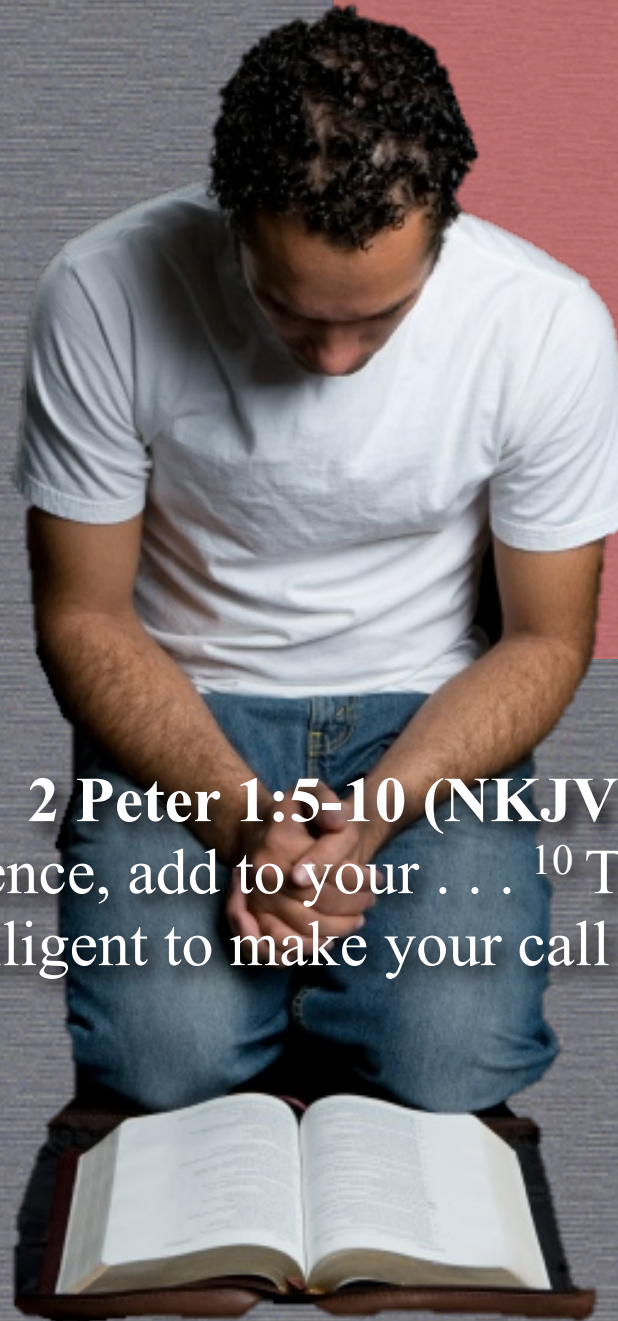
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- ◆ **ADD KNOWLEDGE** – Rom 15:14; 1 Cor. 1:5; 2 Cor 4:6
- \* (gnōsin) Insight, understanding
- \* **Knowledge found in Christ** - *Eph 3:19; Col 2:3*
- \* **Knowledge of His will** - *Phili 3:8; 2 Pet 3:18; Acts 17:11,12; Eph 3:5 - Hos. 4:6; 1 Pet. 2:2; Heb. 5:12-14*



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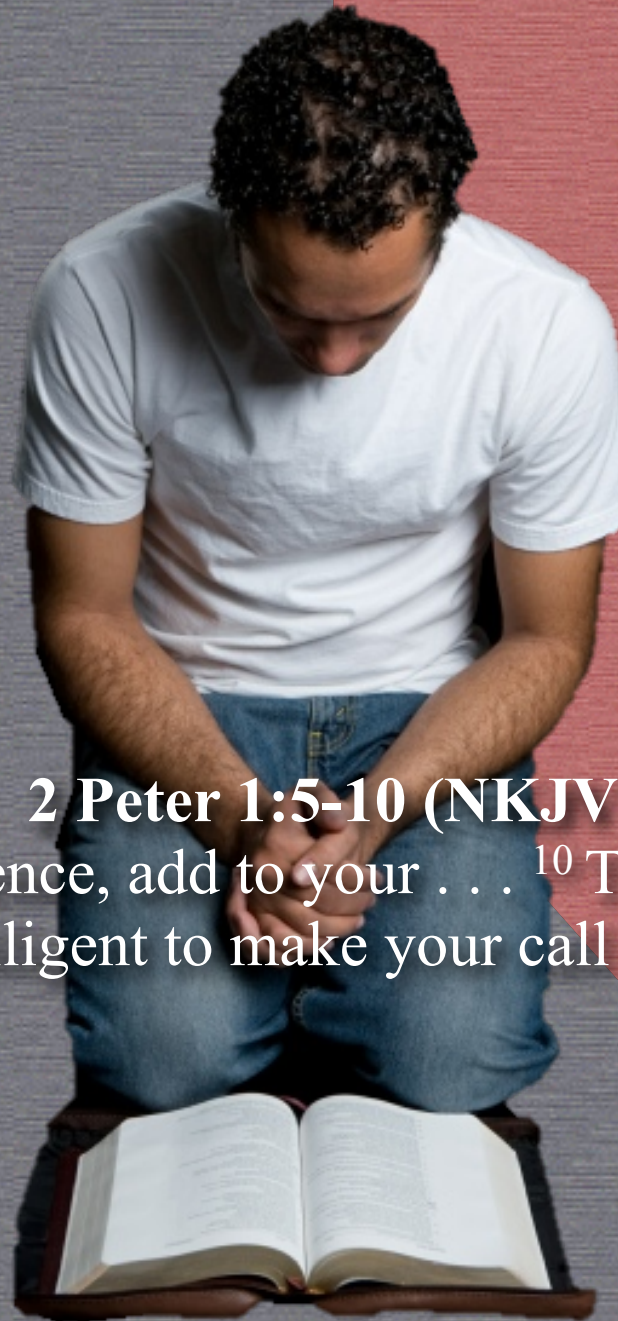
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♦ **ADD SELF CONTROL** – Gal 5:23; Acts 24:25

\* “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





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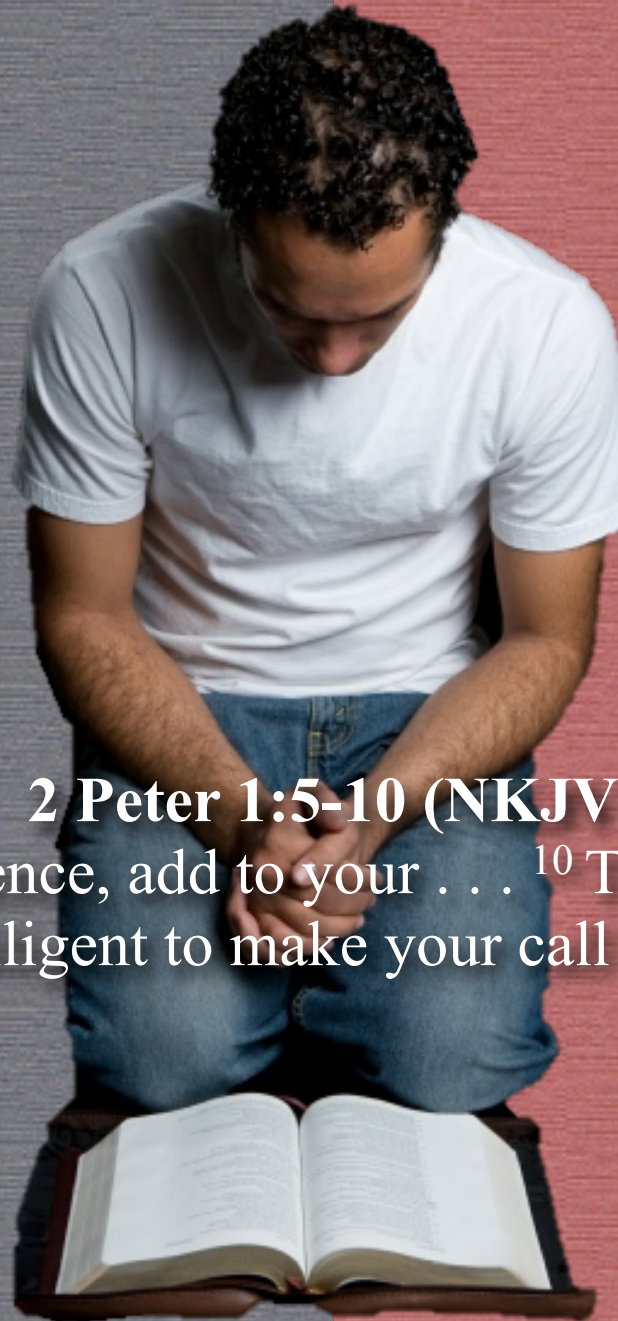
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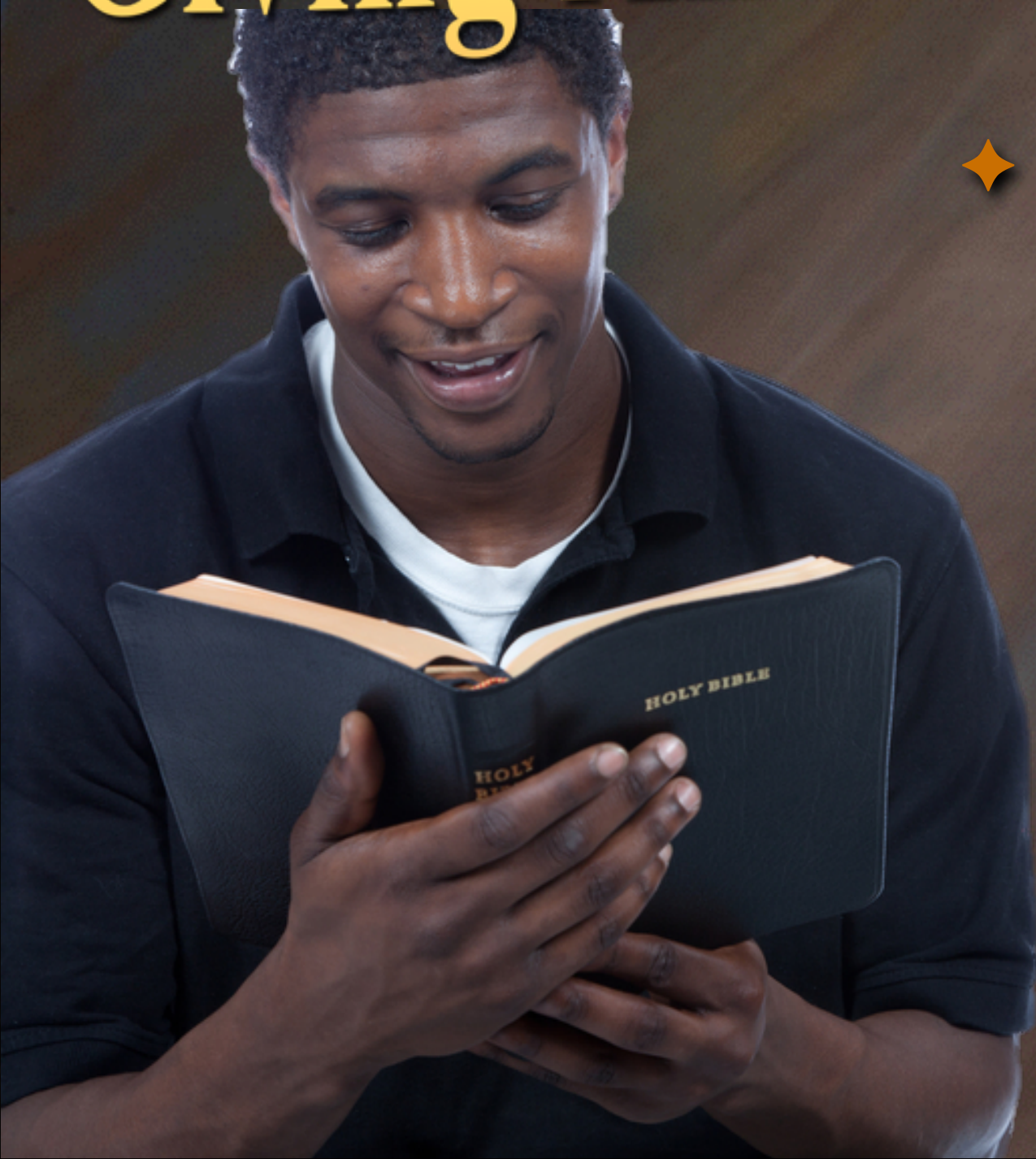
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♦ **ADD PERSEVERANCE** — Jas.  
1:2-4,13; Job; Jas. 5:11

\* 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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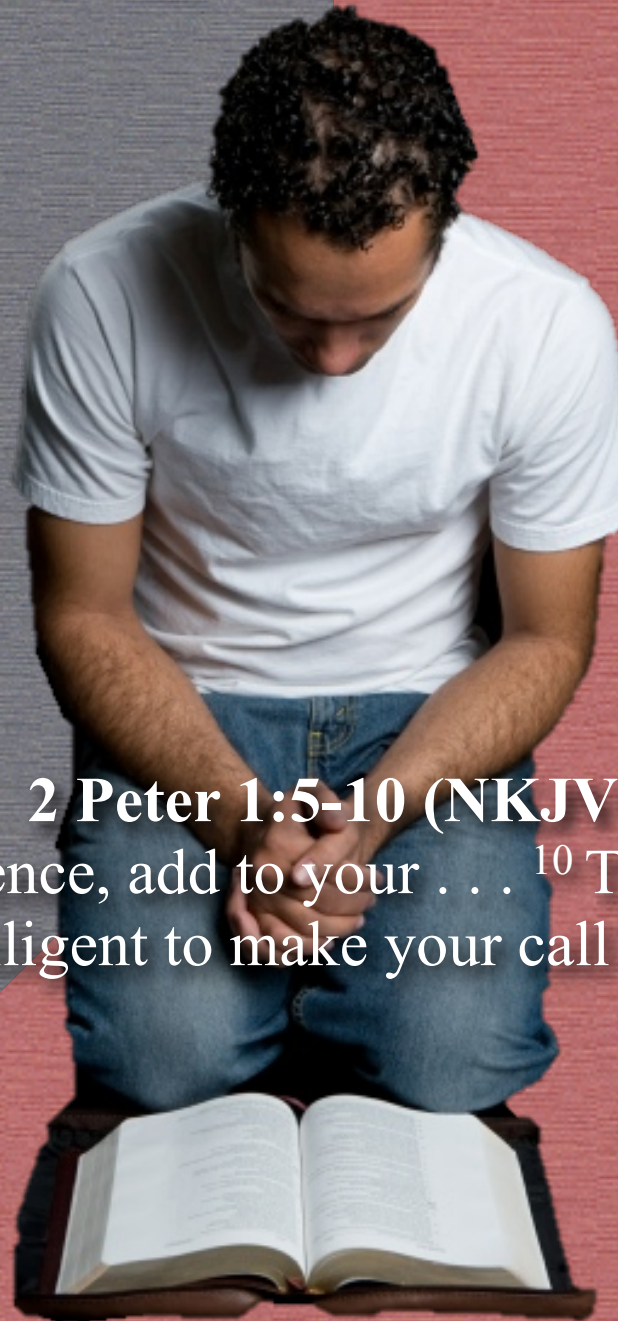
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3:11; Prov. 1:7; Ps 112:1
- \* "To be devout," denotes that piety which, characterized by a Godward attitude, does that which is well-pleasing to Him." - Vine's
- \* **Piety & Respect for God** - *of greater value than anything in this world* - 1 Tim 4:7,8; 6:6



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- ◆ **ADD GODLINESS** – 1:3;  
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- \* Our society is becoming more  
godless and immoral - 2  
Tim 3:1-5; 4:1-5
- \* In the judgment, our conduct  
and godliness will be all  
that is left - 2 *Pet.* 3:11;  
*Rom* 2:5-11; 2 *Cor.* 5:10



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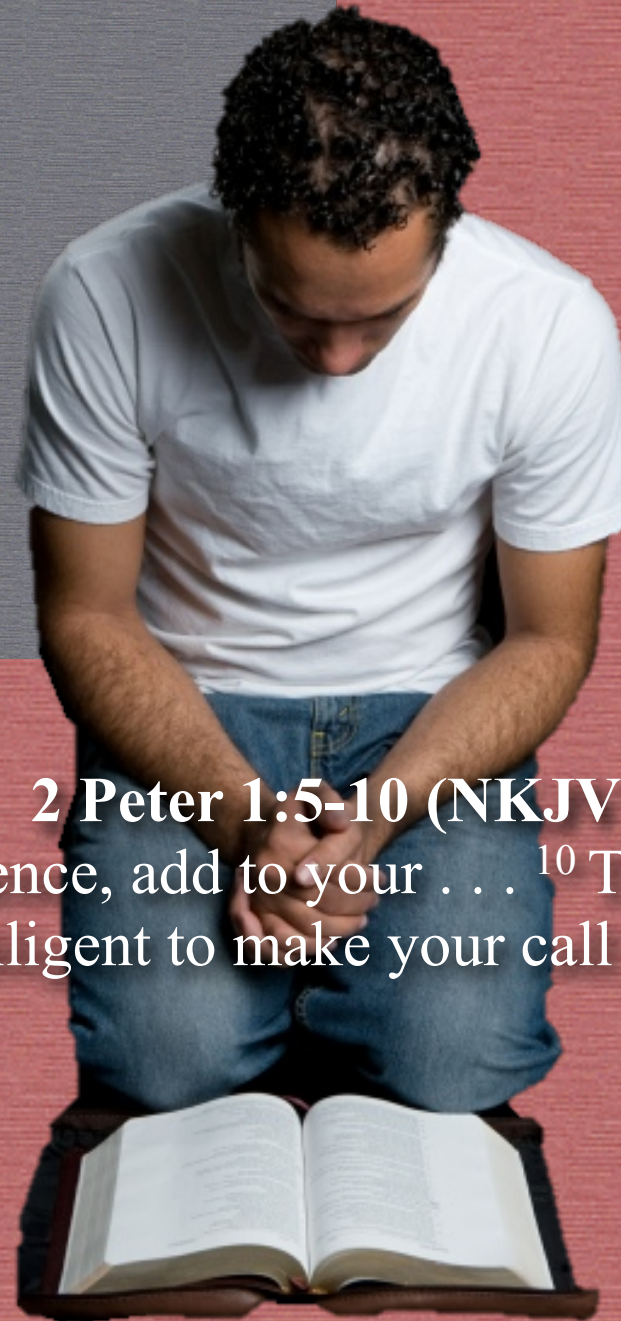
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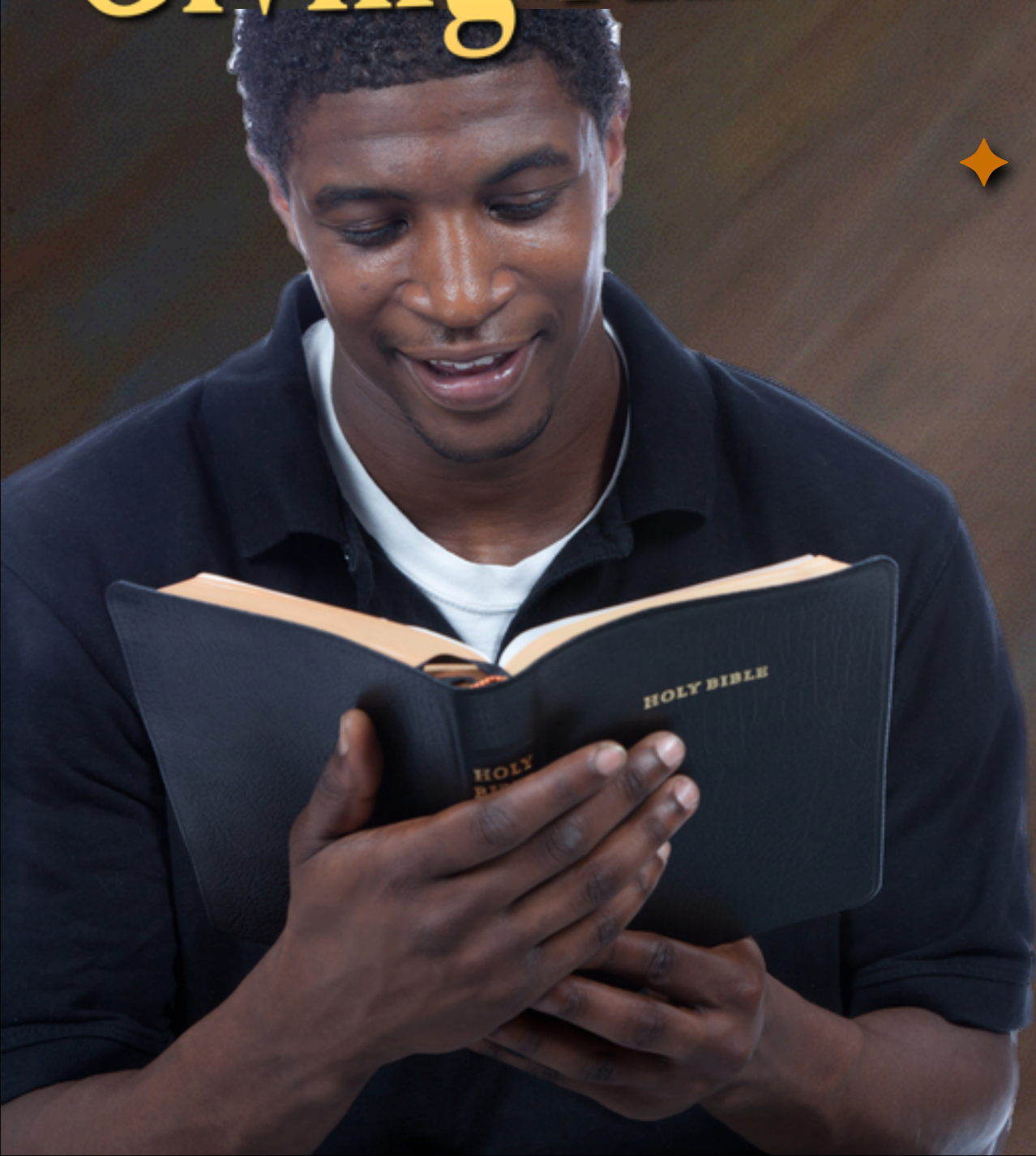
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### ◆ **ADD BROTHERLY KINDNESS**

– 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

\* **We should find ways to show this love! - Gal 6:10; 1 Thes 4:10; 1 John 3:14-17**





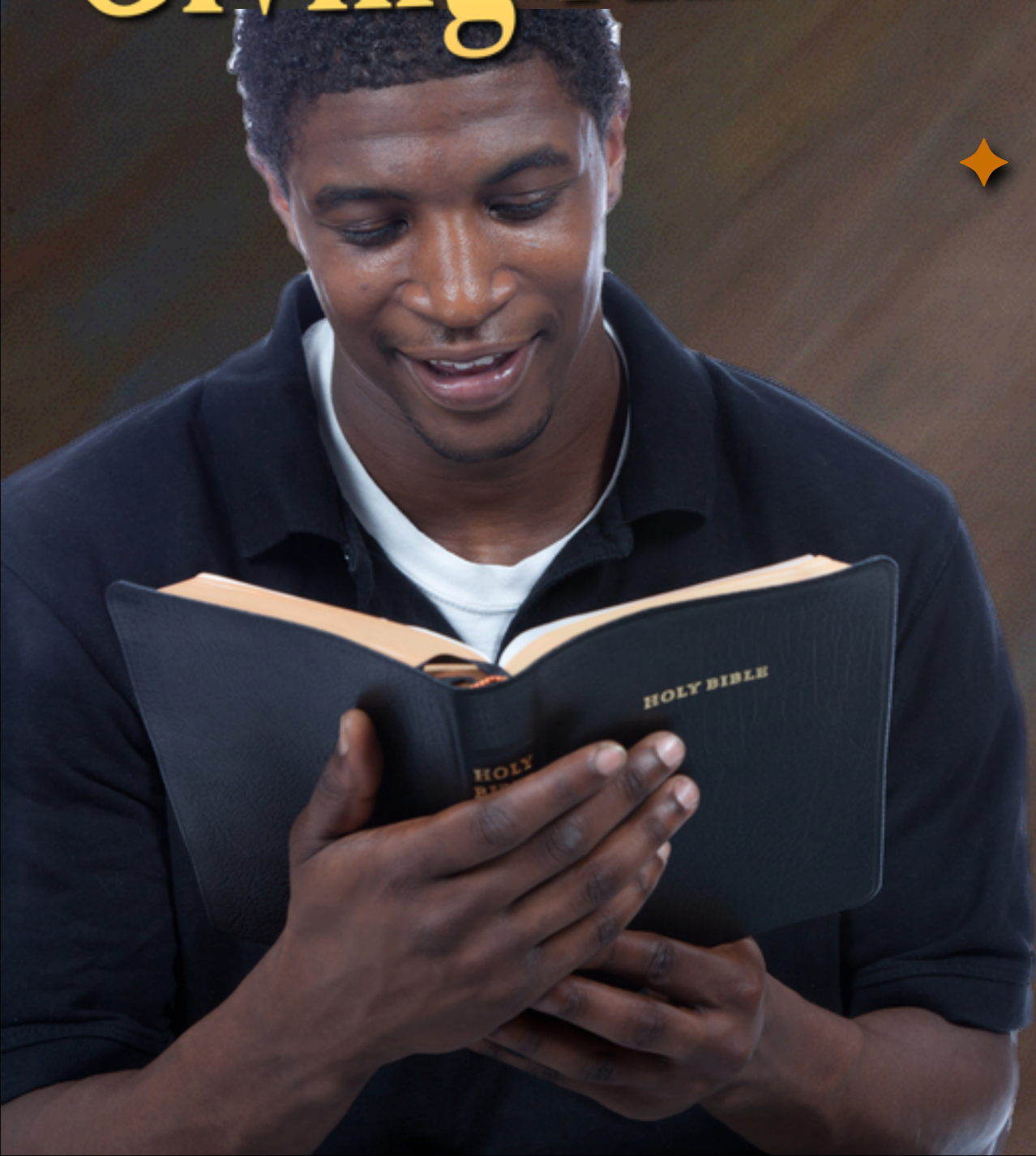
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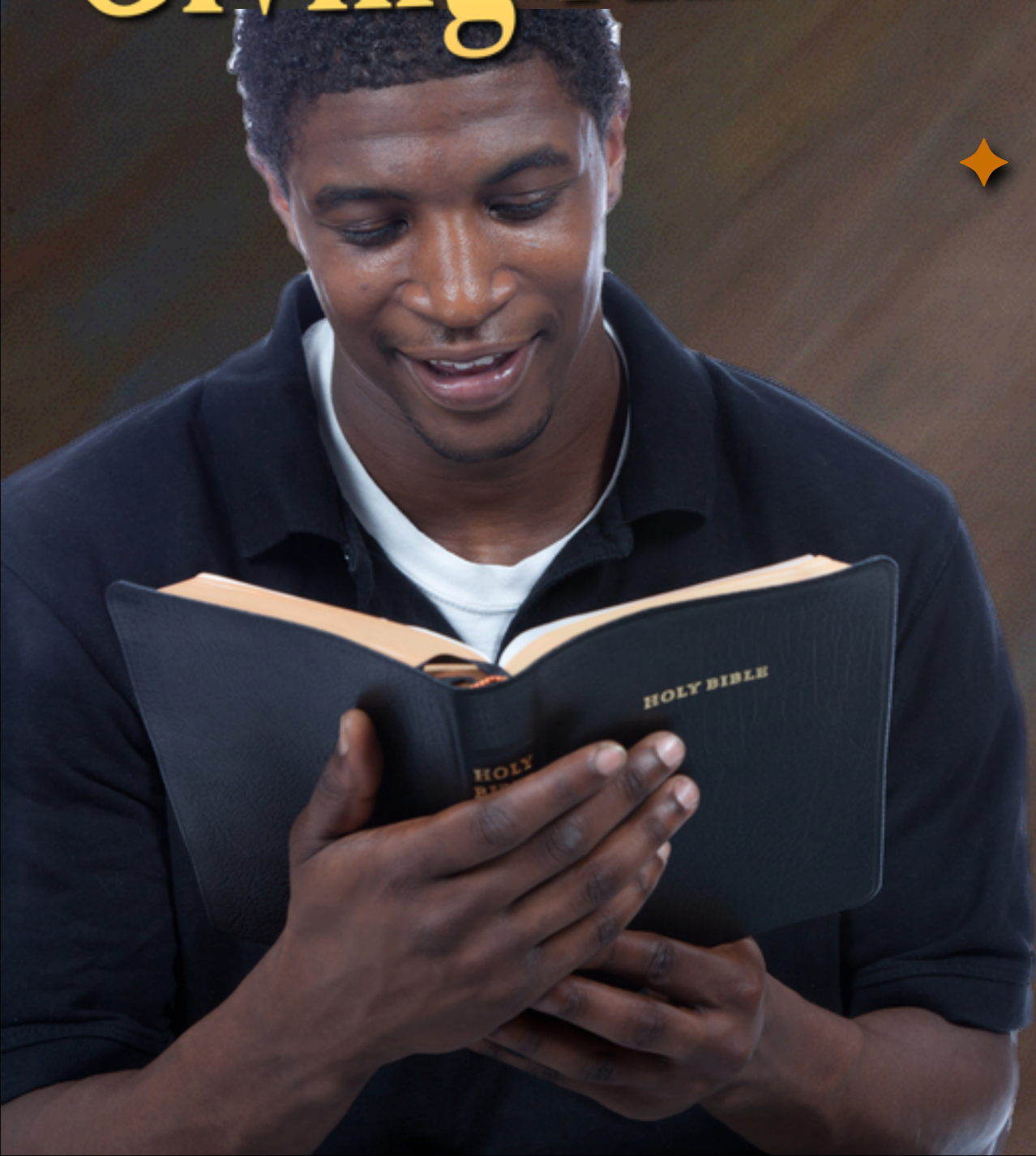


- ◆ **ADD LOVE** – Rom 13:10; 1 Cor 13:1-8,13; 16:14;
- \* Seeks the best interest of its object because we value it - Rom 13:10; 5:8,9
- \* As Christ loved us - Eph. 5:2
- \* Without love, anything we do profits nothing - 1 Cor 13:1:8
- \* Binds all qualities - Col 3:14



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♦ **ADD LOVE** – Rom 13:10; 1 Cor 13:1-8,13; 16:14;

\* **We are to love:**

• **God - Mat. 22:37**

• **Neighbor - Mat. 22:39**

• **Enemies - Mat. 5:44**

• **Wives, husbands, children - Eph. 5:25, Titus 2:4**



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- ◆ Are you **IN CHRIST**? – Have you by faith repented – confessed – been baptized?
- ◆ Are you growing in Christ?

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# Colossians 1:9-18 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; <sup>10</sup> that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; <sup>11</sup> strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;





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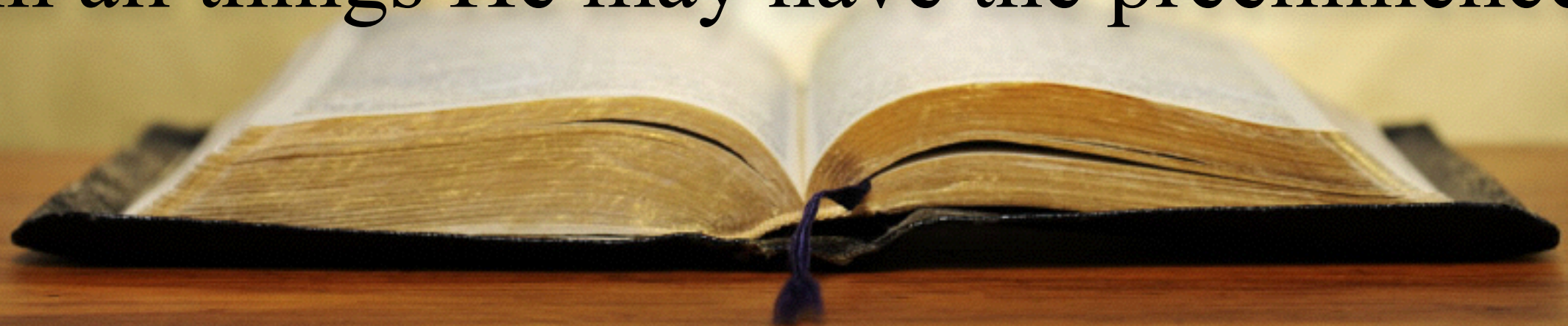
<sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.





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<sup>16</sup> For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. <sup>17</sup> And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. <sup>18</sup> And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.





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