

**‘Grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus’ (3:18).**

**A. Divine Resources:** Precious faith   Abundant grace   Great Promises   Divine Power  
(1:1,3) (1:2-4)

**B. Human Responsibility:**    ‘make every effort to *add to your faith*’ (1:5)  
‘effort’ (choregos) means ‘leader of a chorus.’                      **Actively pursue righteousness.**  
‘add’ doesn’t mean add faith! ‘Add to...’                      **Furnish your life with virtue.**

**Six virtues framed by faith (1:5) and consummated by love (1:7).**

**Goodness** pictures land which is fertile, or an upstanding citizen (1 Peter 2:12).

**Knowledge** means the ability to apply heavenly wisdom to life so as to act honorably.

**Self-control** means saying ‘No’ to sin and to sinful desires. Self-control involves a fight!

**Perseverance** is courageous, voluntary, daily suffering of hard things for God’s honor.

**Godliness** means worshipping God and serving Man – having your Father’s likeness.

**Brotherly Kindness:** Ancient cities were full of ‘*squalor, misery, illness, and anonymity*’  
In the early church people saw the reality of family and evidence of a caring community.

**C. Eternal Reward:**                      **Don’t be barren:   An ineffective and unproductive life. 1:8**  
   **Don’t be blind:    Never forget you’ve been forgiven.    1:9**

**‘Therefore, brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election.  
For if you do these things, you will never stumble’ (2 Peter 1:10).**

**What things?**

- a. Make every effort to *add to your faith*.
- b. ***Confirm your calling and election*** (1:5;10)

**Stumble?** A Christian might trip but the trajectory of their life is upward not downward.  
**‘you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus’**

2 Peter 1:11

God will give a *lavish* welcome to all who gladly wear his character.

‘You will not stroll into Christlikeness with your hands in your pockets.  
This is no hobby for one's leisure moments. It takes all one's strength,  
heart, mind and soul, given freely and recklessly and without restraint.’ A. J. Gossip