

Christian Character

II Peter 1:5-6

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Summary: Last time we discussed the authenticity of God's grace, that through the power of the Holy Spirit we have diligence to supply in our faith the seven virtues. Today we examine four of these spiritual characteristics, namely: moral excellence, knowledge, self control and perseverance.

1. A. What first characteristic are we to diligently supply to our faith?
II Peter 1:5
- B. Why do you think this would be mentioned first, and what is **moral excellence**?
Joshua 1:7-8, Isaiah 6:1-5, Daniel 1:8, Titus 2:11-14, I Peter 1:13-16
- C. Also translated as "*goodness*" or "*virtue*," we have to face the fact that in ourselves we are helplessly bankrupt in this area. But "*His divine power has granted*" this to us in the Lord Jesus Christ. What are you doing to fortify moral excellence in your own life?
Proverbs 4:23, Philippians 4:8-9, II Peter 1:1-4
2. A. What is the second characteristic we are to supply in II Peter 1:5?
- B. What kind of **knowledge** is this and how is it related to the moral excellence we just discussed?
Psalm 103:10-13, John 3:36, Romans 8:1, Ephesians 1:17-23, Colossians 2:2-3, I Peter 2:24-25, II Peter 1:2-3, Revelation 5:8-14
- C. We know a lot of things, do we not, regarding sports, work, politics and hobbies, but why don't we have the fervor to learn and know what we have in Christ?
Job 22:21-26, Proverbs 2:1-7, Philippians 3:8, Colossians 3:16, II Peter 3:18
3. A. We know that "knowledge is power," so what becomes important to add next?
II Peter 1:6
- B. If we cannot just crank this up on our own, from where does **self control** come? (
Galatians 5:22-23
- C. Self control is really Holy Spirit control. If your life ambition is to please and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, what will this look like?
Acts 1:8, II Corinthians 5:9, 5:14-15, Romans 12:1-3, 13:14
4. A. What else are we going to supply according to II Peter 1:6?
- B. What does Peter mean by **perseverance**?
Hebrews 12:1-4, James 1:2-4, I Peter 2:19-23, Jude 1:1, Revelation 3:21
- C. What does biblical perseverance look like in our own lives?
Romans 8:28-39, I Corinthians 15:58, Galatians 6:9, Colossians 1:9-11