

## Supply to Your Faith...

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### Introduction

1. Our goal should be to be able to utter the words of the Apostle Paul in **2 Tim. 4:6-8** w/ the same confidence.
2. Peter tells us how we may attain that same confidence in **2 Peter 1:1-15**

### Discussion

#### I. Goal: Become partakers of the Divine Nature

- A. 2 Peter 1:1-4 – through the precious promises we can partake of the Divine Nature
- B. How? (**2 Pt. 1:3-4**)
  1. Through the true knowledge of Him who called us...
    - a. True knowledge – (*epignōsis*) – full discernment, acknowledgement
    - b. Full understanding of the Divine Nature- the one true God or Deity (**1 Cor. 8:4-6**)
      - i. We become partakers of his Divine Nature through shared participation, or Fellowship (**1 Jn. 1:1-7**)
      - ii. We can take on his virtues and characteristics through faith
  2. Called us by His own glory and excellence...
    - a. We are attracted to the Glory and the excellence (virtue, moral excellence) of God
      - i. Moral excellence of Christ = sinless (**Heb. 7:26-28**)
      - ii. Those who desire to live righteously will be drawn to the Light (**John 1:9-14; 3:19-21**)
  3. Escaping the corruption that is in the world by lust (:4) partake w/ God by forsaking spiritual depravity and participating in what we know about God

#### II. Reward: Entrance into the Everlasting Kingdom

- A. The ultimate goal and reward of doing this is spending an eternity in Heaven with the divine nature (i.e. God)
- B. **2 Peter 1:10-11** – do these things which the HS reveals through Peter, and gain an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord
  1. Only those who are in Fellowship w/ God
  2. **2 Peter 3:10-13** – looking for that new heaven wherein righteousness dwells
- C. IF we are to receive this reward, we must Grow in our faith and stand firm – **2 Peter 3:14-18**
- D. It requires diligence (sustained effort) (2 Pt. 1:5)

------(APPLICATION :5-7)-----

#### III. In your Faith Supply...

- A. It all begins with faith! This is an ascending list of virtues which we supply in our faith.
- B. Speaking to those who have already received the faith (**2 Pt. 1:1**)
- C. Justified by faith, in obedience of the Gospel – **Rom. 5:1-2; Rom. 10:12-17**
  1. However, faith w/o works is dead – **Js. 2:24,26** (context – **Js. 2:8-10**)
  2. We have faith both in who God is and in His reward for those who are diligent in seeking him – **Heb. 11:6**

- a. We desire to partake of the Divine Nature and to achieve that we must seek Him to grow
- b. We do this by participating in these virtues listed.

#### **IV. Supply Moral Excellence**

- A. a virtuous course of thought, feeling and action  
---virtue, moral goodness [STRONG]
- B. We are called by the moral excellence of God (**2 Pt. 1:3**) – we wish to participate in that virtue
- C. The goal – imitate the moral excellence of Christ
  1. **Eph. 4:13** – the standard is Christ
  2. **Eph. 5:1** – be imitators of God (**1 Cor. 11:1**)
  3. Not just better than others – **2 Cor. 10:12**

#### **V. In your Moral Excellence, Supply Knowledge**

- A. We may desire to attain the moral excellence of Christ, but without knowledge we can never attain it.
- B. **Eph. 5:17** – we must understand the will of God
- C. **Col. 1:9-10** – knowledge → walking worthy of the Lord
- D. When we don't grow in knowledge, we CAN'T go on to perfection(maturity) – **Heb. 5:12-6:6**
- E. Diligence in study of God's word – **2 Tim. 2:15**

#### **VI. In your Knowledge, Supply Self-Control**

- A. self-control (the virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, esp. his sensual appetites) [STRONG]
- B. We may know what God would have us to be, but w/o the proper self-control (temperance), we will not be successful in imitating it
- C. We see a comparison to a runner – **1 Cor. 9:24-27**
- D. Put to death the deeds of the flesh – **Rom. 8:9-13; Col. 3:5**

#### **VII. In your Self-Control, Supply Perseverance**

- A. Self-control is not a one-time thing, but a constant requirement – so it requires perseverance
- B. -cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy: — enduring, patience, patient continuance (waiting).  
-steadfastness, constancy, endurance  
---in the NT the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings [STRONG]
- C. **Romans 5:1-5** – rejoice in trials as perseverance brings about proven character!
- D. **Hebrews 10:32-39** – need endurance to receive the promise. **NO NOT THROW AWAY YOUR CONFIDENCE**

#### **VIII. In your Perseverance, Supply Godliness**

- A. If we are going to be steadfast in our obedience to God and persevere in adversity, it requires a deep reverence and respect for God.
- B. Holiness or piety that leads to doing that which pleases Him.

C. It is profitable for all things – **1 Tim. 4:6-10.**

D. The gospel conforms to godliness – **1 Tim. 6:3-6; Titus 1:1.**

**IX. In your Godliness, Supply Brotherly Kindness**

A. As we grow in godliness, we will naturally grow closer to those who have the same goal.  
– as we grow closer to God, we grow closer to each other

B. *Philadelphia – fraternal affection; the love which Christians cherish for each other as brethren. [STRONG]*

C. **Romans 12:9-13; Heb. 13:1-3** – what this looks like in action

D. **1 Peter 1:22** – obedience to the truth for a sincere love of brethren

E. The New commandment of Jesus – **John 13:34-35**

**X. In your Brotherly Kindness, Show Love**

A. Brotherly kindness should come naturally, but we should learn to love all

B. Stronger than brotherly kindness – **1 Cor. 13:4-7**

C. God is Love -**1 John 4:7-14** – We want to partake of the Divine nature.

D. For all men – **1 Thess. 3:11-13; 4:9-12.** Even enemies – **Mt. 5:43-48.**

E. **Phil. 1:9-11** – our love abounds in knowledge and discernment

Conclusion

1. Our goal is to partake and grow in the Divine Nature (**2 Pt. 1:3-4**)

2. IF these qualities are ours and are increasing continually

a. We are neither useless or unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ  
(we become like Him) – **2 Peter 1:8**

3. The one who isn't diligent to supply these virtues in their faith, it is evident their focus is not on Heaven – they are shortsighted even to blindness – **2 Peter 1:9**

4. The one who is diligent will secure their place in Heaven and will NEVER STUMBLE – **2 Peter 1:10-11.**

5. Even though we may know these things, we NEED TO BE REMINDED – **2 Peter 1:12-15**