

2 Peter 1:3-11 ESV

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**For whoever lacks these qualities is so
nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten
that he was cleansed from his former sins.
Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to
confirm your calling and election, for if you
practice these qualities you will never fall. For in
this way there will be richly provided for you an
entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ**



GODLINESS: "eusebeia" = "good worship"

God invites us to know Him personally, not merely to know of or about Him. He desires to draw us into a real relationship, a relationship as personal and tangible as the most enduring we've experienced in life. He desires for us to have first-hand knowledge of Him, not to settle on the second-hand hearsay of others. He calls us to know him for ourselves."

– Dave Buehring, A Discipleship Journey

**1. The power of the cross changes
our nature! (v.3-4)**

2. The promises of God are yes and amen in Jesus Christ! (v. 4a, see also 2 Corinthians 1:20).

3. Through Jesus' Spirit, we can escape the corruption of this world. (v. 4b)

4. Jesus eagerly desires to deliver us to His Kingdom. (v. 10-11)

Godliness is THE goal of the Christian and should receive the attention of our entire selves daily. (v.5-9)

**Virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness,
brotherly affection, love**