

The Second Epistle of Peter
Peter's Recipe for Spiritual Maturity (2)
2 Peter 1:5-7
Part 5

I. The All-Important Foundation of Faith.

Cf. Heb.11:6; Ja.2:26

II. Giving All Diligence Add to Your Faith Virtue.

A. Virtue defined.

Cf. 1 Pet.2:9; 2 Pet.1:3,5; Phil.4:8

“The first quality Peter mentions as springing from true Christian faith, is a rare word in Biblical Greek, but very common in non-Christian literature. It means ‘excellence’ and was used to denote the proper fulfillment of anything.”
(Michael Green, Tyndale Comm.)

B. Virtue illustrated.

Cf. Ruth 3:11; Prov.31:10,29

C. Virtue expanded.

“Faith is the source and gives the power by which ‘virtue’ is to be developed; faith w/out works is dead, but it shows itself living and real when it produces ‘moral excellence’; real trust in Christ and true belief in him will always issue in right conduct or virtue.” (Charles Erdman, Commentaries on the N.T.)