

STEPS TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY
2 Peter 1:5-10 and other selected verses
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By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. 2 Peter 1:3(a)

¹⁷ I am warning you ahead of time, dear friends. So be on guard; then you will not be carried away by the errors of these wicked people and lose your own secure footing.¹⁸ Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:17-18

⁵ In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge,⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness,⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.⁸ The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁹ But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins.¹⁰ So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away. 2 Peter 1:5-10

I. 3 BASIC THINGS:

- 1. It must start _____.**
- 2. You must be _____.**
- 3. To your faith, you must diligently add a _____ of the virtues listed.**

2. THE STEPS TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY

1. Moral Excellence, Goodness - _____.

⁸ And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. ⁹ Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:8-9

Moral Excellence is: "Doing _____ at the _____ in the _____ with the _____." And what is "right" is determined by God.

2. Knowledge – _____.

- a) _____.
- b) _____.

¹² For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. Hebrews 4:12

3. Self-control – _____.

Galatians 5:17 ; James 4:1-2

Galatians 5:16; 24-25

¹⁶ *So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.*

²⁴ *Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. ²⁵ Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.*

4. Patient endurance – _____.

*Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines;
even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren;
even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the LORD!
I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! The Sovereign LORD is my strength!
He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the highest of heights. Habakkuk 3:17-19*

5. Godliness – _____.

6. Brotherly affection – _____.

¹⁰ *Live in true devotion to one another, loving each other as sisters and brothers. Be first to honor others by putting them first. Romans 12:10*

¹³ *Share what you have with the church, so they lack nothing; take every opportunity to open your life and home to others. Romans 12:13*

⁵ *If some have cause to celebrate, join in the celebration. And if others are weeping, weep with them as well. Romans 12:15*

7. _____.

And may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all men, just as we also do for you. 1 Thessalonians 3:12

² *Peter 1:8-10*

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