

CHURCH OF THE VALLEY
UNWAVERING FAITH - CULTIVATE A GROWING RELATIONSHIP
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SERMON PASSAGE

3 HIS DIVINE POWER HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING WE NEED FOR A GODLY LIFE THROUGH OUR KNOWLEDGE OF HIM WHO CALLED US BY HIS OWN GLORY AND GOODNESS. 4 THROUGH THESE HE HAS GIVEN US HIS VERY GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES, SO THAT THROUGH THEM YOU MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE DIVINE NATURE, HAVING ESCAPED THE CORRUPTION IN THE WORLD CAUSED BY EVIL DESIRES.

5 FOR THIS VERY REASON, MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ADD TO YOUR FAITH GOODNESS; AND TO GOODNESS, KNOWLEDGE; 6 AND TO KNOWLEDGE, SELF-CONTROL; AND TO SELF-CONTROL, PERSEVERANCE; AND TO PERSEVERANCE, GODLINESS; 7 AND TO GODLINESS, MUTUAL AFFECTION; AND TO MUTUAL AFFECTION, LOVE. 8 FOR IF YOU POSSESS THESE QUALITIES IN INCREASING MEASURE, THEY WILL KEEP YOU FROM BEING INEFFECTIVE AND UNPRODUCTIVE IN YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. 9 BUT WHOEVER DOES NOT HAVE THEM IS NEARSIGHTED AND BLIND, FORGETTING THAT THEY HAVE BEEN CLEANSED FROM THEIR PAST SINS. 2 PETER 1:3-9

1.) WE HAVE EVERYTHING WE NEED TO LIVE A GODLY LIFE.

HIS DIVINE POWER HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING WE NEED FOR A GODLY LIFE THROUGH OUR KNOWLEDGE OF HIM WHO CALLED US BY HIS OWN GLORY AND GOODNESS. 2 PETER 1:3

**2.) WE HAVE A DECISION TO MAKE, DO WE:
PARTICIPATE IN THE DIVINE NATURE**

FOLLOW THE EVIL DESIRES OF THE WORLD

THROUGH THESE HE HAS GIVEN US HIS VERY GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES, SO THAT THROUGH THEM YOU MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE DIVINE NATURE, HAVING ESCAPED THE CORRUPTION IN THE WORLD CAUSED BY EVIL DESIRES. 2 PETER 1:4

BUT IF SERVING THE LORD SEEMS UNDESIRABLE TO YOU, THEN CHOOSE FOR YOURSELVES THIS DAY WHOM YOU WILL SERVE, WHETHER THE GODS YOUR ANCESTORS SERVED BEYOND THE EUPHRATES, OR THE GODS OF THE AMORITES, IN WHOSE LAND YOU ARE LIVING. BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD." JOSHUA 24:15

3.) WE HAVE TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO GROW.

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FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED, THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS IS NOT FROM YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD—EPHESIANS 2:8 8

WHOEVER DOES NOT LOVE DOES NOT KNOW GOD, BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE. 1 JOHN 4:8

LIFE QUESTIONS?

- 1.) WHAT DO YOU WANT TO INFLUENCE YOU? HIS DIVINE NATURE OR THE EVIL DESIRES OF THE WORLD?
- 2.) DO YOU SEE YOURSELF AS SPIRITUALLY EFFECTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE? TAKE AN ASSESSMENT ARE THESE CHARACTERISTICS PRESENT AND INCREASING IN YOUR LIFE?
FAITH. GOODNESS. KNOWLEDGE. SELF-CONTROL. PERSEVERANCE. GODLINESS. MUTUAL AFFECTION. LOVE.
- 3.) ARE YOU READY TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD?
IF YOU KEEP A JOURNAL - WRITE A COMMITMENT IN YOUR JOURNAL.
IF YOU DO NOT KEEP A JOURNAL, FIND ANOTHER WAY TO DOCUMENT THIS COMMITMENT.
NOTE: INCLUDE WHAT YOU PERSONALLY KNOW OF JESUS THAT WILL HELP YOU HOLD TO THIS COMMITMENT. THIS IS NOT A HEAD DECISION - IT IS A DECISION OF THE HEART.

....make every effort to add to your faith...

Goodness.

Knowledge.

Self-control.

Perseverance.

Godliness.

Mutual affection.

Love.

if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.