

Growing your Faith

READ: 2 Peter 1:5-11

⁵For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins. ¹⁰So, dear brothers and sisters,^[c] work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away. ¹¹Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

REFLECT:

What are some of the things we should add to our faith? (vv. 5-7)

How will adding these qualities help you each day? (vv. 8, 10-11)

When we trust in Jesus as our Savior it is the beginning of a life long journey of growing to become more like Jesus. In James 2, he tells us that faith without good works is dead. Instead, we need to show we have faith in Jesus by the good deeds that we do. Faith doesn't stop with knowing something. We need to put into practice what we know. Just like our MBC Kids motto says, we need to know right, think right and DO right.

When we add qualities like goodness, knowledge, self-control and love to our faith it means we are growing in our faith because we are practicing what we have been learning. It shows proof that we are Christians and belong to God's family. Then, since we are part of God's family we are promised the best thing ever, a great welcome into God's house where we will live with Him forever!

RESPOND:

Which of the qualities above do you need to add to your faith?

What are some steps you can take to help you do this?

Take some time to thank God for the faith He has given you and pray for God to help you continue to you add to faith the qualities above.

Thank God for _____

Pray for _____