

II Peter 1:5-11

I. Introduction: I am NOT going to cover these verses in depth in this lesson, for I have already done so in the past and the material is still available online. There is a twelve part series on these verses. They can be found at the links below

Outlines: <https://www.wordsoftruth.net/instructionsinrighteousness.html>

Audio Sermons: <https://www.wordsoftruth.net/audiofiles2018.html>

A. As we enter into our study, let's consider the word "diligence" [σπουδή]: "speed", that is, (by implication) despatch, eagerness, earnestness: - business, (earnest) care (-fulness), diligence forwardness, haste" (Strong's # 4710).

1. Also translated "haste" (**Mark 6:25** and **Luke 1:39**).

2. Saints should know not to live as though we have time (**Proverbs 27:1**, **Ephesians 5:14-17**, and **James 4:13-16**).

B. Let's also consider the word translated "add" [ἐπιχορηγέω]: "to furnish besides, that is, fully supply, (figuratively) aid or contribute: - add, minister (nourishment, unto)" (Strong's # 2023). *The only time this word is translated "add" is in verse five. Notice the four other times the word is translated, including in the last verse we are looking at in this lesson:

1. "Ministereth" (**II Corinthians 9:10** and **Galatians 3:5**).

2. "Ministered" (**Colossians 2:19** and **II Peter 1:11**).

II. Body: II Peter 1:5-11

A. The foundation is faith (**Hebrews 11:1**).

1. Without faith... (**Hebrews 11:6**).

2. To win, to be victorious to the end; requires faith (**I John 5:4-5**).

B. Furnish your faith with virtue [manliness as in strength; moral goodness; praises] (**I Corinthians 16:13** and **Ephesians 6:10**).

1. Our thoughts are already to be upon things of virtue (**Philippians 4:6-8**).

2. We cannot even begin to grow if we're morally out of line with the will of God (**James 1:21-25** and **I Peter 2:1-2**).

C. Furnish your faith with knowledge (**II Peter 3:18**; cf. **Proverbs 19:2**).

1. From the right source (**Proverbs 2:6** and **Proverbs 19:27**).

2. To love being taught, learning (**Proverbs 12:1** and **Proverbs 23:12**).

D. Furnish your faith with temperance [self-control] (**Galatians 5:22-23**).

1. Think about what you are without self-control (**Proverbs 25:28**).

2. So, control yourself (**I Corinthians 9:24-27**).

E. Furnish your faith with patience [endurance] (**Luke 8:15**).

1. Playing the long game [so to speak] (**Romans 8:24-25** and **Hebrews 10:36-39**).

2. Allowing patience to work in your growing process (**James 1:3-4**).

F. Furnish your faith with godliness (**II Peter 3:9-11**).

1. Making sure what we are learning is taking us the right way (**I Timothy 6:3-12**).
2. Herein growing in grace teaches us to live godly (**Titus 2:11-14**).
- G. Furnish your faith with brotherly kindness [brotherly love] (**Romans 12:9-10**).
 1. Being taught of God to love one another (**I Thessalonians 4:9**) continually (**Hebrews 13:1**).
 2. Not in word only (**I John 3:14-18**) with Christ as our example (**John 13:34-35**).
- H. Furnish your faith with charity [love] (**I Corinthians 16:14**).
 1. The love [charity] of God defined (**I John 4:16-5:3**).
 2. Helping each other to do so (**Hebrews 10:24-25**).
- I. Growing properly assures fruitful, sure faithfulness with the end being eternal life (**Hebrews 6:9-12**).
 1. Without proper spiritual growth, there is spiritual blindness (**Revelation 3:17-19**).
 2. On the other hand, proper knowledge of our Lord gives the vision we need for continued faithfulness (**I John 2:1-6**).
 3. Having that sure footing, as not to fall (**Luke 6:46-49**).
 4. With balance, not having the wrong confidence (**I Corinthians 8:1, I Corinthians 10:12, and Philippians 3:3-12**).

III. Conclusion: **II Peter 1:12-18**