



The Goal That Matters

Text: 2 Peter 1:3–11(Common English Bible)

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Key Scripture

By His divine power, the Lord has given us everything we need for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. (2 Peter 1:3)



Foundation: Being With Jesus

- God has given us **everything we need** for life and godliness.
 - This is **grace**, not something we earn.
 - He calls us to share in His **divine nature** and escape the corruption caused by sinful desires.
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Formation: Becoming Like Jesus

Peter gives us a **blueprint for growth** (vv. 5–7):

1. **Faith** ➡ foundation
2. **Virtue** ➡ framing
3. **Knowledge** ➡ blueprint
4. **Self-control** ➡ walls
5. **Endurance** ➡ roof
6. **Godliness** ➡ interior design
7. **Brotherly affection** ➡ furniture
8. **Love** ➡ open door

👉 *Start with faith, keep building, and let love be the open door that shows the world Jesus.*



Training: Make Every Effort

- We don't drift into maturity; we **train intentionally**.
- **Grace is not opposed to effort; it's opposed to earning.** – Dallas Willard
- Connect **virtues to practices**:

- 📖 Knowledge → Scripture & meditation
 - 😊 Self-control → Silence & fasting
 - 🙏 Endurance → Prayer rhythms
 - 🎵 Godliness → Sabbath & worship
 - 🤝 Affection → Community & service
 - ❤️ Love → Generosity & witness
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🏅 Why Train?

- Athletes train for a crown that fades; we train for a **crown that lasts forever** (1 Cor. 9:24–27).
 - Spiritual formation is a **marathon, not a sprint**.
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🌱 Fruit: Doing What Jesus Did

- If these qualities are yours and growing, they keep you from being **ineffective and unfruitful** (vv. 8–11).
 - Outcome: **clarity, stability, fruitfulness, and a rich welcome into Christ's Kingdom**.
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🔍 Reflection Questions

- What's your **training plan for the new year**?
- Where do you need to grow?
- What practice will you start this week?