



A Faith Furnished with Virtue

2 Peter 1:3–8

Grace
gives
the life.

Diligence
cultivates
the life.

Virtue
displays
the life.

Love
crowns
the life.

Divine Power Precedes Human Effort

God's Provision

- Calls us
- Grants promises
- Enables participation



Our Cultivation

- We diligently pursue virtue

“We do not cultivate virtue to make ourselves worthy of Christ. We cultivate virtue because Christ has called us into his life.”

Grace Creates Effort

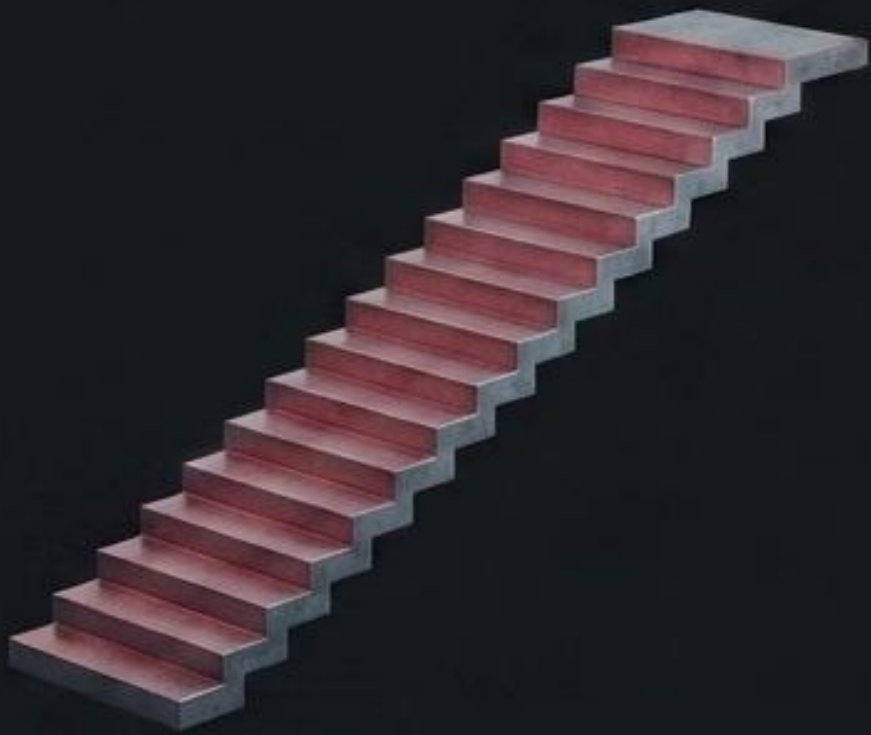
For this very reason, make every effort...

- Grace does not eliminate effort.
- Grace creates, directs, and empowers proper effort.



Supply, Provide, Furnish

Together with your faith, “cultivate” virtue.



NOT: Finish faith, graduate to virtue.



BUT: Furnish your faith abundantly;
qualities growing together.

Integrated Virtue



Faith

Love



Faith

Trusting and adhering to Christ.

The Foundation

Virtue

Moral excellence in action.

The Character

Knowledge

Discernment to recognize the good.

The Mind



Self-Control

Governing desires and passions.

I will not abandon the good
for pleasure.

Steadfastness

Remaining faithful through difficulty.

I will not abandon the good
because of pain.



Godliness

Giving God reverence and worship.

Brotherly Affection

Loving the Christian family.

Love (*Agapē*)

Willing the true good of others
for God's sake.

The Crown

The Moral Anatomy of Character

Peter's Quality

Classical Virtue

Knowledge

Prudence (Practical Judgment)

Self-Control

Temperance (Governing Pleasure)

Steadfastness

Fortitude (Governing Pain/Fear)

**Godliness &
Affection**

**Justice (Giving what is due to
God & neighbor)**

If these qualities are yours and are increasing...



Yours

Stable dispositions, not just admired truths.

Increasing

Genuine growth, not instant perfection.

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The goal is not merely to
know more about Christ.

The goal is for us to
increasingly
become like Christ.

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The Cycle of Supply





What accompanies your faith?

Are these qualities truly yours?
Are they increasing?