

The Ingredients of Faith 2 Peter 1:5-8 (page 1018/large print 1207/1298) Dr. Steve Button May 12, 2024

5. Perseverance

1. Faith

6. Godliness

2. Virtue

7. Brotherly Kindness

3. Knowledge

8. Love

4. Self-Control



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Discussion and Application Questions:

1. Vance Havner said, "Faith has no value of its own, it has value only as it connects us with Him. It is a trick of Satan to get us occupied with examining our faith instead of resting in the Faithful One." How and when do you spend more time analyzing your faith than in applying your faith? Where do you tend to place your faith rather than God?

2. What vice do you tend to pass off as virtue? What sets the standard for virtue in your life? Why is virtue not arbitrary? How is virtue different with a believer and unbeliever?

3. According to Psalm 110:10 and Proverbs 9:10, what is the source of knowledge? How is faith influenced by virtue? Why is knowledge apart from virtue dangerous? How is Jesus the key to knowledge? (John 14:6).

4. Do you have difficulty grasping the truth that we gain self-control by relinquishing control to the Holy Spirit? How can you take steps to relinquish control?

Proverbs 16:32; 25: 28 1 Corinthians 9:24-25; 6:12-14 2 Peter 2:10-15 Galatians 5:23 2 Timothy 1:7

5. Perseverance is to stay under, to abide, to remain and pictures bearing up under a heavy load with steadfastness and endurance. Read James 1:2-8, where are you struggling to persevere and how can you develop that perseverance? How do self-control and perseverance relate? Why does self-control need testing? According to the sermon, what is four purposes were given for patience?

6. In what ways is being godly practical?

7. Based on the following scripture, how do we demonstrate brotherly kindness?

1 John 4:20

1 Peter 1:22

Hebrews 13:1

2 Corinthians 2:7