

# Growing in Him

**Scripture:** 2 Peter 1:5-11 NIV

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{10} Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, {11} and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

## Introduction

This passage details the basis for living a successful Christian life, and the qualities we should look for in one another to evaluate our maturity.

### I. The measure of Christian growth vv. 5-7

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#### A. Eight major areas of growth

1. Faith Foundation  
4102. pistis, pis'-tis; from G3982; persuasion, i.e. credence; mor. conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), espec. reliance upon Christ for salvation; abstr. constancy in such profession; by extens. the system of religious (Gospel) truth itself:--assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.
2. Goodness Frame  
703. arete, ar-et'-ay; from the same as G730; prop. manliness (valor), i.e. excellence (intrinsic or

attributed):--praise, virtue.

3. Knowledge Ext. Siding  
1108. gnosis, gno'-sis; from G1097; knowing (the act), i.e. (by impl.) knowledge:--knowledge, science.
4. Self Control Roof Frame  
1466. egkrateia, eng-krat'-i-ah; from G1468; self-control (espec. continence):--temperance.
5. Perseverance Roof  
5281. hupomone, hoop-om-on-ay'; from G5278; cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy:--enduring, patience, patient continuance (waiting).
6. Godliness Int. Finish  
2150. eusebeia, yoo-seb'-i-ah; from G2152; piety; spec. the gospel scheme:--godliness, holiness.
7. Brotherly Kindness  
5360. philadelphia, fil-ad-el-fee'ah; from G5361; fraternal affection:--brotherly love (kindness), love of the brethren.
8. Love Furnishing  
26. agape, ag-ah'-pay; from G25; love, i.e. affection or benevolence; spec. (plur.) a love-feast:--(feast of) charity ([-ably]), dear, love.

### II. Preventive maintenance vv. 8-9

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#### A. The need for "ever increasing measure"

1. These make us effective
2. These make us productive

#### B. Their absence says we are:

1. Near sighted
2. Blind
3. Forgetful of our beginnings

### III. Stabilizing your life vv. 10-11

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these things, you will never fall, {11} and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

- A. Be diligent in your calling
- B. Be diligent in your relationship with God
- C. The assurance of not falling
- D. An abundant entrance into the kingdom of God