

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins. 2 Peter 1:5-9 (NIV)

Every Effort

Do you want to be effective and fruitful as you follow and serve me? Do you believe that I have given you everything you need to possess and live a godly life in increasing measure? Yes, I want to be fruitful and effective as I follow and serve you. I want to bear an abundance of fruit for your kingdom and your glory. I want my life to have made a difference and counted for something special. I know that apart from you I can do nothing of lasting and eternal value. There is nothing I want more than to be effective and fruitful as I follow and serve you. That is the desire of my heart. I am counting on you to make that happen in and through me. **Yes, I can see that in you.** I do believe that you have given me everything I need to possess and live a godly life in increasing measure. **How have I done that for you?** First you gave yourself for me. You paid for my sins on the cross. You made it so I could be forgiven and cleansed of all my unrighteousness. You broke the power of sin over my life. You have given me a new life to live as I follow you as my Savior and Lord. **Yes, I have done all this for you.** Your work in and for me has continued. **How so?** You have allowed me to know you. You have drawn me to you. As I spend time with you in your presence I am being changed day by day. You are teaching me your will and ways through your word. You are changing my heart and transforming my mind as I listen to all that you have to say to me. You are molding and shaping my life. You are making me into the person you want me to be. I am becoming more like you. **Yes, I am doing all this in you, with you and for you so that you will be able to live the life that I have called you to live.**

What will happen if you do or don't possess godly qualities in increasing measure? What must you do if you want to possess godly qualities in increasing measure? If I don't possess godly qualities in increasing measure I will not be able to live the life that you have called me to live. I will be ineffective and unfruitful for you. I will have lived a wasted life that wasn't able to do what you have given me to do for you. **That's right. Why won't this be true of you?** I will keep coming to you to meet with you in your word. I will keep on listening to all that you have to say to me. I will continue to allow you to mold and shape my life. I will make every effort to possess godly qualities in increasing measure. **Yes, you will.**

Lord, thank you that I have been given everything I need for life and godliness as I follow you as my Savior and Lord. I will make every effort to possess godly qualities in increasing measure. I want to be effective and fruitful for you. Amen

Keep You From Being Ineffective Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Promises – 2 Peter 1:5-9

In Context: Read 2 Peter 1

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How has Jesus Christ made it possible for you to live a godly life?

How has knowing Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord been changing who you are and the way you live?

How have the promises of God made you able to participate in the divine nature and escape corruption in the world?

How are you making every effort to possess godly qualities in increasing measure in your life?

What will happen if you do or don't possess godly qualities in increasing measure in your life?

How has possessing godly qualities in increasing measure made you effective and fruitful as you have followed Christ?

What don't you see and what have you forgotten if you don't possess godly qualities in increasing measure in your life?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Make every effort to possess godly qualities in increasing measure as you follow Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that you have been given everything that you need for life and godliness through knowing Jesus Christ.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you possess and are growing in godliness as you follow Christ.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you possess godly qualities in increasing measure so you will be effective and fruitful as you follow Christ.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, thank you that you have given me everything I need for life and godliness as I follow and serve you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I possess godly qualities in increasing measure as I follow and serve you today?
