

***Faith Doesn't Quit In Difficult Circumstances!***  
***Game Plan 2016: Everything We Need For Life And Godliness!***

***Pt. 4***

2 Peter 1:5-9  
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**2 Peter 1:5**, *For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; <sup>6</sup>and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; <sup>7</sup>and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.*

**1) Faith Doesn't Stand Around With Its Hands In Its Pockets**

- The 1<sup>st</sup> Virtue Of Genuine Faith Is Moral Goodness
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Virtue Of Genuine Faith Is Increasing Knowledge
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Virtue Of Genuine Faith Is Self-Control
- The 4<sup>th</sup> Virtue Of Genuine Faith Is **PERSEVERANCE**

**2 Peter 1:5**, *For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith ... <sup>6</sup>...perseverance...*

**Thought:** *Hupomone* is usually translated patience, but patience is too passive a word... *Hupomone* does not simply accept and endure; there is always a forward look in it. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

- The 5<sup>th</sup> Virtue Of Genuine Faith Is **GODLINESS**

**2 Peter 1:5**, *For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith ... <sup>6</sup>...godliness*

**Thought:** *Eusebeia* literally means to worship well and is an almost untranslatable Greek word. Godliness is "reverence towards the one and only God, and the kind of life that He would wish us to lead." It describes the character of the person who never fails God, man or himself. (1 Timothy 4:7, 6:6-12)

- The 6<sup>th</sup> Virtue Of Genuine Faith Is **MUTUAL AFFECTION**

**2 Peter 1:5**, *For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith ... <sup>7</sup>and to godliness, mutual affection...*

**Thought:** *Philadelphia* means fraternal love or brotherly kindness. In secular Greek literature, *Philadelphia* was used to describe the love family members held towards one another, but in the New Testament it was used to describe the love that believers possess for one another even though they were members of different natural families. (Romans 12:9-13; Galatians 6:9-10)

**2) A Growing Faith Is Productive And UNSELFISH**  
(2 Peter 1:8-9)

**Concluding Reminder:** Only one life will soon be past, only what's done for God will last!

**Biblical Formula:** Faith + Effort = Success