

Commitment to Godliness – Part 2

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: 2 Peter 1.

II. All that we need to live the Christian life is available to us to make every effort. But we cannot start with making every effort. (2 Peter 1:3-5)

III. We are to add to our faith a vigor of spirit.

A. This is the faith that brought us into union with Jesus.

B. This is the faith that appropriates that union.

C. Paul pressed on with this moral vigor. (Philippians 3:13-14)

IV. Commitment must be added to knowledge. Commitment without knowledge can be dangerous. (Proverbs 19:2; Romans 10:2)

V. Knowledge is deficient that is not used in the right way.

A. Some knowledge leads to pride. (1 Corinthians 8:1, 7; Romans 14)

B. Some knowledge leads to godliness. (Titus 1:1; Isaiah 66:1-2)

C. Scripture is authoritative because it is from God. We should approach them with humility in order to gain knowledge for godliness. (Isaiah 40:15-17, 23; 2 Timothy 3:16)

D. Cultural convictions need to be separated from biblical convictions. (Ephesians 4:15)

VI. Self-control and perseverance are internal character traits that determine the kind of person we will be.

VII. Godliness includes devotion to God resulting in a life pleasing to God.

VIII. We are to have brotherly kindness, which causes us to belong to one another. (Romans 12:5)

A. It is self-sacrifice.

B. It is giving of self.

C. It forgives.

IX. Results.

A. We will continue to grow in our knowledge of Jesus when we apply these principles.

B. We will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord Jesus.

Application questions:

1. How can we pursue Christian knowledge rightly?

2. How can we apply Christian vigor rightly?

3. What is your plan for growing in brotherly kindness?
