

2 Peter 1:5-15 Discussion Questions

1. In light of what God has given us in Christ (see vv. 3-4), Peter exhorts his readers to “make every effort” to pursue mature Christian character. If God has already given us every thing we need for life and godliness, why do we need to work on pursuing and increasing these virtues in our lives?

2. Take a minute to look at the list of virtues in vv. 5-7.

A. Which of these have you seen the most progress in your own life? How have you seen this pursuit bear fruit in your life? How is affecting your relationships, actions, attitudes, etc?

B. Which of these do you find yourself most challenged by or lacking? Why do you think that is?

C. Which of these do you feel the Lord is calling you to focus on most right now? What does that look like?

3. Verses 8-11 highlight both the negative and positive consequences of our response, i.e., what happens if we pursue these qualities and what happens if we don't.

A. Take some time to review them and list them out.

B. How have you seen this to be true in your own Christian experience?

4. Peter feels a strong sense of urgency to keep reminding his fellow Christians of these truths so that they will remember it even when he is gone. Clearly, this is an example for all of us to follow.

A. Who in your life faithfully encourages and reminds you to pursue Jesus and all that He has given you? How do they do that?

B. Who has God called you to remind? How do you attempt to do that?

C. What have you found is the most effective way to remind people of what God has done so that they will actually hear and listen to you?