
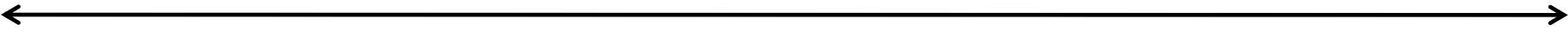



# Second Peter Lesson #3

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We talked last week about  
speaking for God in a work  
place that considers  
witnessing as a form of  
harassment – how should  
we handle this?





Acts 5:29 Peter and the other apostles  
replied: "We must obey God rather than  
men! NIV

Rom 13:1 Everyone must submit himself to  
the governing authorities, for there is no  
authority except that which God has  
established. The authorities that exist  
have been established by God. NIV




# 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:5-11

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  - Knowledge
  - Self-control
  - Perseverance
  - Godliness
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  - Love
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- Is there is a progression here?




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- We are not told for certain, but here is a possible progression:
  - Faith comes first because without faith it is impossible to please God. (our starting point)
  - Goodness comes next because it is the basic expectation of us; that we are good to others.
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- Knowledge is one of things that is gathered and built up. It is what helps us to want to keep going in our walk of faith.
  - Self-control (literally holding oneself in) is what develops in people as they grow emotionally and in Christians as we grow spiritually.
  - Perseverance means we endure in doing the right things because they are right; no other reason needed.
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- Godliness, is what we begin to be through faith, goodness, knowledge, etc .....
- Brotherly Kindness is the horizontal expression of love and is the work of God in us. Our ability to love is limited only by our cooperation with God.
- Love is the ultimate goal for the Christian – we are to pursue all of the qualities Peter lists, but love is the pinnacle.





# Two Promises

- 2 Peter 1:8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. NASB
  - Ps 1:3 And he will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season, And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers. NASB
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**“If these qualities  
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**What contributes  
to the growth of  
these?**





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- Peter tells us in verse #9 that if those (8) qualities are not in some stage of development that you have forgotten the salvation transaction.
- You have forgotten that you were once lost, but God intervened on your behalf – therefore you are a debtor to His grace.
- The loving response to someone who saves your life is a life-time of remembrance.





Questions / Comments

