



Growing **Relationship** with God - Tweets

Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.
God got you through it. Trust Him for tomorrow.

'GOD is the reason why even in pain, I trust;
in confusion, I persevere; in betrayal, I hope;
and in fear, I continue to fight.'

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How Not To Fall?

Make your **Calling** and **Election** sure.

1. Growing **Relationship** with God. [v1-4]
2. **Supplement** your faith with 7 key traits. [v5-11]



Supplement our Foundation of Faith.

I. Giving all diligence, **add** to your faith.

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Supplement



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II. We must do so with all **diligence**.

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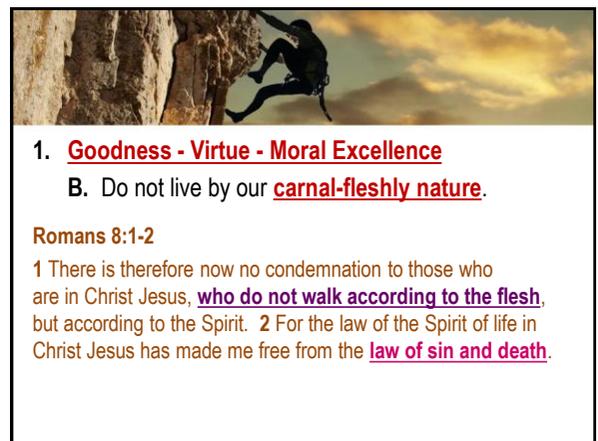
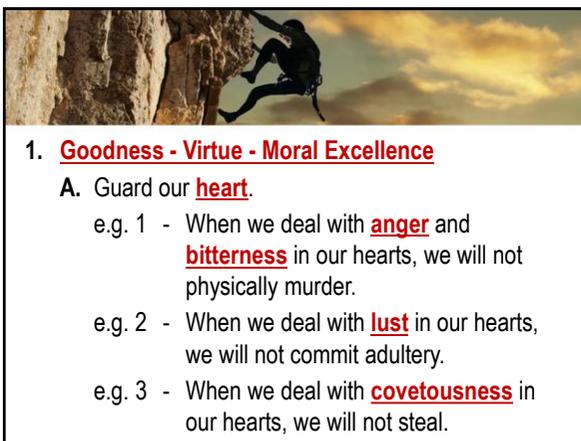
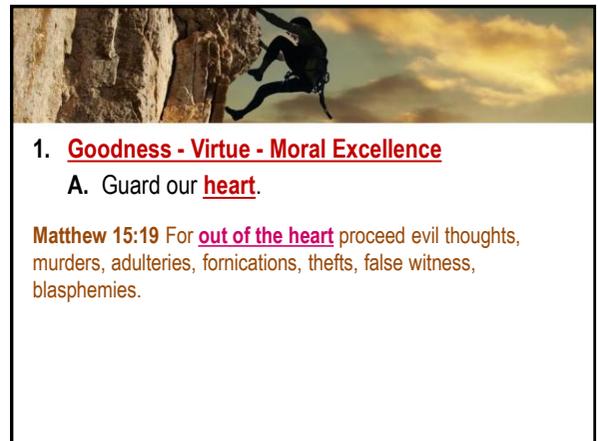
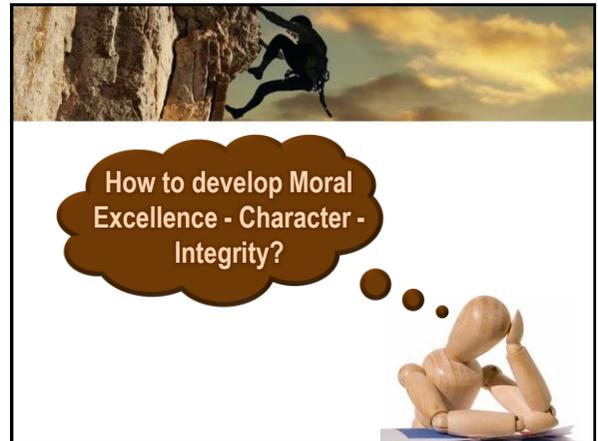
2 Peter 1:5b-7
5 ... add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.



III. Supplement our faith with **7** key traits.

1. **Goodness - Virtue - Moral Excellence**
Greek = **arête**

Courage	Strength of Character
Fortitude	Integrity Uprightness





1. **Goodness - Virtue - Moral Excellence**

B. Do not live by our **carnal-fleshly nature**.

Luke 9:23 Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him **deny himself**, and **take up his cross daily**, and **follow Me**."



1. **Goodness - Virtue - Moral Excellence**

C. Live the **Christ-Centered, Spirit-Led** Life.

Galatians 2:20
I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh I **live by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Romans 6:11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but **alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord**.



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2. **Knowledge**
gnosis = **correct insight**

2 Peter 3:18 but grow in the grace and **knowledge** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.



2. **Knowledge**

A. Ignorance of God is **not** bliss.

Hosea 4:6 **My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge**. because you have **rejected knowledge**, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.



2. **Knowledge**

B. Knowledge of God is the more **abundant life**.

- i. Know **God the Father**.
- ii. Know the **Lord Jesus Christ**.
- iii. Know the **Holy Spirit** - His **Divine Power**.
- iv. Know His precious **promises**.



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3. **Self-Control**
egkrateia = **self-discipline or self-restraint / temperate in all areas of life**



3. Self-Control

A. Self-control is a discipline we must develop.

1 Thessalonians 5:8 But let us who are of the day be sober [self-controlled], putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

Hebrews 12:1 (NIV) Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us ...



3. Self-Control

B. Self-control will be a fruit from our relationship with God.

Galatians 5:22-23 - Fruit of the Spirit

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.



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4. Perseverance

hupomone = bearing up or patient endurance under trials



4. Perseverance

A. We must persevere with faith to inherit God's promises.

Hebrews 6:12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.



4. Perseverance

B. Perseverance is a grace from God.

Colossians 1:11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy ...



4. Perseverance

C. The fruit of perseverance will see us develop faith conviction in that area of our struggle.

James 1:3-4

3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.



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Romans 5:3-4
3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that **tribulation produces perseverance**; 4 and **perseverance, character**; and character, hope ..



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5. **Godliness**
eusebeia = **God-fearing or piety or godly character out of devotion to God**



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Psalm 1:2 But **his delight is in the law of the Lord**, and in His law he **meditates** day and night.



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Jeremiah 17:7-8
7 "Blessed is the man who **trusts in the Lord**, and whose **hope is the Lord**. 8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit.



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Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall **meditate in it day and night**, that you may **observe to do according to all that is written in it**. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.



5. **Godliness**

B. Godliness is great **gain-profit** now and forever.

1 Timothy 4:8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but **godliness is profitable for all things**, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.



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6. **Brotherly Kindness**

philadelphia = **kindness toward brethren**



6. **Brotherly Kindness**

A. Brotherly kindness is evidence that we are **Disciples** of Christ.

John 13:34-35

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you **love one another**; as I have loved you, that you also **love one another**.

35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have **love for one another**."



6. **Brotherly Kindness**

B. Brotherly kindness is **intentional** towards people in our lives.

1 John 4:20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his **brother whom he has seen**, how can he love **God whom he has not seen**?



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1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

9 But concerning **brotherly love** you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are **taught by God to love one another**; 10 and indeed **you do so toward all the brethren** who are in all Macedonia. But we **urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more** ...



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7. **Love**

agape = **The Love of God**



7. **Love**

A. The **source** of love is from God.

1 John 4:10, 16, 19

10 In this is love, **not that we loved God, but that He loved us** and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

16 And we have **known and believed the love that God has for us**. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. 19 **We love Him because He first loved us**.



7. **Love**

B. We must guard this love from turning **cold**.

Matthew 24:10-12 (KJV)
Then shall many be **offended**, and shall **betray** one another, and shall **hate** one another .. And because iniquity shall abound, the **love** of many shall **wax cold**.



7. **Love**

B. We must guard this love from turning **cold**.

To be un-offendable, we must process the incident in a **Christ-like** manner i.e. according to the **Word** and Revelation of the **Holy Spirit**.




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1 Corinthians 13:4-8a
4 Love is **patient**, love is **kind**. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does **not dishonour others**, it is not self-seeking, it is **not easily angered**, it keeps **no record of wrongs**. 6 Love does **not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth**. 7 It always **protects**, always trusts, always hopes, always **perseveres**. 8 Love never fails.



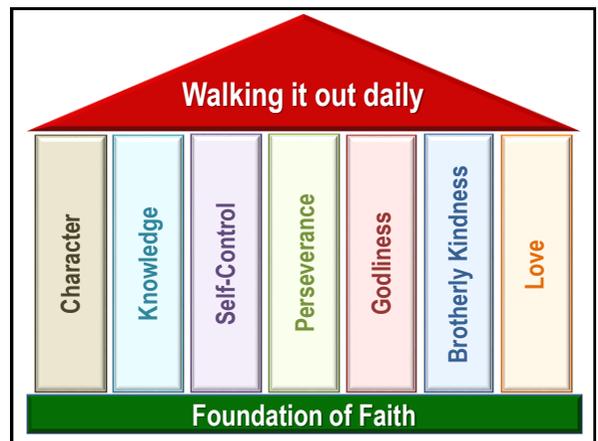
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2 Peter 1:8 (NIV) For **if** you **possess these qualities in increasing measure**, they will **keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ**.



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2 Peter 1:9 But **whoever does not have them is short-sighted and blind**, **forgetting** that they have been **cleansed from their past sins**. 10 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, **make every effort to confirm your calling and election**. **For if you do these things, you will never stumble**, 11 and you will receive a **rich welcome** into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.





The **7 Virtues** must flow out of our foundation of **Faith**.

- i. Character without faith stands on **shaky** ground.
- ii. Knowledge without faith is **mere** information.
- iii. Self-control without faith is **straining** unnecessarily.
- iv. Perseverance without faith is **futile** in the end.
- v. Godliness without faith is simply **religion**.
- vi. Brotherly Kindness without faith is **self-serving**.
- vii. Love without faith is ultimately **natural** and **corrupt**.



CONCLUSION

Jude 1:24

24 Now to **Him** who is **able to keep you from stumbling**, and to **present you faultless**

before the presence of His glory
with exceeding joy

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