

To Add To Your Faith, Part 2

1 Timothy 4:7b-9

^{7b} discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; ⁸for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and *also* for the *life* to come. ⁹ It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

²⁴ Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; ²⁷ but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

Bodily discipline and self-control are the gatekeepers to progress in godliness! Without them, we stagnate.

2 Peter 1:5-11

⁵ Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge, ⁶ and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness, ⁷ and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, love. 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. ⁹ For he who lacks these *qualities* is blind *or* short-sighted, having forgotten *his* purification from his former sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; ¹¹ for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

2 Pictures: Checkpoints in a race / Uploading Multiple Docs to an Email

Add Moral Excellence: put off the old habits and sinful deeds of the flesh, and put on the new man!

Ephesians 4:24

²⁴ and put on the new self, which in *the likeness of* God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

Add Knowledge: start to learn about your faith, study the Bible, read church history, get established doctrinally.

How many Christians do you know who have stopped at knowledge/ made knowledge the end game?

John 13:17

¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Add Self-control: Begin to surrender your indulgent nature to the Holy Spirit and learn to gain mastery over your body.

1 Corinthians 9:27

²⁷ but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

Add Perseverance: Practice not quitting! Begin to stretch out self-control over longer periods and let it reach into new areas of your life.

Matthew 10:22

²² You will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.

Add Godliness: Begin to let Jesus work His character into yours, and to make you like Him in ways you never thought possible.

Luke 6:40

⁴⁰ A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.

Add Brotherly Kindness: Let the goodwill of Jesus- general and consistent kindness- manifest through you in all your relationships

Psalm 133:1

133 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brothers to dwell together in unity!

Add Love: Let the character of Christ reach its pinnacle: the self-sacrificial, unfailing love of God.

1 Corinthians 13:13

¹³ But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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1 Corinthians 15:9-10

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.