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## **2 Peter 1**

**3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.**

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**5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge;  
6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness;  
7 and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.**

## 2 Peter 1

**8 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. 9 But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.**

# Truth

**1 Timothy 2:4 ...who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.**

**2 Timothy 2:25 Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth,**

**2 Timothy 3:7 ...always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth.**

**Hebrews 10:26 If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left,**

**Titus 1:1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ to further the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness**

# **1. You cannot believe what you not know**

**2 Peter 1**

**3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him...**

## 2. Adding knowledge will greatly affect the adding of the other qualities

Ephesians 6

14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist,

### 3. Knowledge is the “low hanging fruit” of this list

**Matthew 5**

**6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.**

# Knowledge

1. Gnosis – general knowledge
2. Epignosis – complete, full, experiential knowledge

## **1 Corinthians 13**

**12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know (gnosis) in part; then I shall know (epignosis) fully, even as I am fully known.**

# Knowledge

## 1. Gnosis – general knowledge

- to know things by learning about them
- knowledge we gain for ourselves (study)
- head knowledge

## 2. Epignosis – complete, full, experiential knowledge

- to know things because we have experienced them
- knowledge that is given to us (revelation)
- Knowledge that is confirmed because we have believed it and acted upon it

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