

Where to From Here

Personal Growth

II Peter 1:1-8

Faith

Salvation first Luke 7:50

When a person exercises saving faith in Jesus, he is “born again.” It is an act of God that cannot be forced or self generated. It is a collaboration of the power of God and the belief of man. “Joining” or even growing up within the arena of a church or “the” church will not produce salvation. It is an act of God.

Growth next Luke 17:5, 18:8

“Lord increase our faith.” “shall He find faith on earth”

Increasing faith is a process and function of use. It starts small and grows as it is used and as one gains history with God.

Virtue

Moral character Ephesians 4:20-28

Repentance is a life long process. As we are empowered by the Holy Spirit, we can and will gain the victory over the mind.

Knowledge

II Peter 3:18

Grace and knowledge.

Romans 12:2

God’s Word, anointed by the Holy Spirit is the chief agent of knowledge. How can I be Godly (God like) if I don’t know what God is like?

Temperance

I Cor. 9:25-27

Using athletic terms, Paul talks about self control. Without it you cannot teach self control. Jails are full of people with no self control. Why doesn’t a person take drugs?

Patience

Isaiah 40:31

This thought will test you. Wait on God. Growth takes time.

Hebrews 12:1

The life of the believer is a marathon not a sprint. Every person has their own race to run according to their giftings. Jesus is our ultimate inspiration, He “set His face.” He and Paul both said “I have finished my course.”

Godliness

God likeness

Titus 2:12

Through God’s grace we deny ungodliness and grow to godliness.

II Timothy 3:12

It might cost you something.

Brotherly kindness

Eph. 4:30-32

How hard is it?

Charity

I Cor. 13

Love makes you think right about people.

Unfruitful

Not bearing what it should bear.

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