

A LIFE OF GODLINESS

(2 Peter 1:5-7)

#	QUALITY	COMMENT
1	FAITH	<p>“This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith”, (1 John 5:4)</p> <p>“Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God”. (1 John 5:4) (Faith must have an object)</p> <p>“The life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God”, (Galatians 2:20)</p>
2	VIRTUE (spiritual courage) (moral energy)	We need spiritual energy to deny ourselves, refuse the world, and resist Satan.
3	KNOWLEDGE	Apart from the knowledge of God and His mind our very energy may lead us into paths of self-will.
4	TEMPERANCE (self-restraint)	Without self-restraint, knowledge may be used to exalt ourselves.
5	PATIENCE	We need patience with others who may have less self-restraint.
6	GODLINESS (Fear of God)	Godliness supposes a walk in communion with God by which we live our life under His guidance and direction. This will keep patience from sinking into compromise with evil.
7	BROTHERLY LOVE	Godliness thinks of what is due to God, but we also need to remember what is due to our brother.
8	DIVINE LOVE	Without Divine love our love may sink to mere human affection. Divine love has God in view not our brother. “By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments”. (1 John 5:2)

“Godliness with contentment is great gain”.

(1 Timothy 6:6)

(adapted from Hamilton Smith)