

Make every effort



Confirming your calling. Part 1

3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life 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.

2 Peter 1:3-11

Confirming your calling. Part 2

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, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. 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.

Confirming your calling. Part 3

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 Savior Jesus Christ.

What's it all about ?

- Through his divine power
- Precious Promises
- Participators in the divine nature

Make Every Effort

- A progression of character traits.
 1. Getting to know God.
Faith, Goodness, Knowledge
 2. Getting to choose God
Self Control & Perseverance
 3. Getting Intimate with God
Godliness, Mutual Affection, Love


Why make every effort for a free gift

- We need to be ready to receive the gift.
- We need to fail.
- When we fail in our own strength he receive his gift.

“If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”

1 John 1:9


Getting to know God

- Faith.
 - Goodness.
 - Knowledge.
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Choosing God

- Self Control.
- Perseverance

Intimacy with God

- Godliness
 - Mutual affection
 - Love
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Final Reflections/ Discussion Points

- Which stage are you in ?
- Do you see what the next stage might be ?
- What is God calling you to now/next ?

