

The Holy Spirit's Power and Our Effort, Part One

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2 Peter 1:5-11

At what do you work hardest? Peter writes in his letter that we should make every effort to cultivate Christ-like character qualities. Most of us have goals that revolve around what we want to accomplish rather than who we are, but God wants us to develop character. When we focus on being the person God wants us to be, then we will accomplish what He wants us to accomplish. We must be diligent in cultivating Christian virtue, self-control and knowledge. We are able to pursue these things because we are partakers in God's divine nature. He makes us a slave to righteousness. In other words, we have a new Master. It all starts with faith. He gives us the desire to live a life of integrity. If we are seeking God and spending time with Him, we will see progress in godliness. When we spend time with people on a regular basis, we become like them. When we spend time with our Savior, we become more and more like Him. Re-calculate your life. Listen to God, and He will shape you into the person that reflects His image.