

**Taking the Next Step
Growing in Grace—Part 1
2 Peter 1:3-9
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There are two truths to balance as we begin:

1. God is _____ to our growth.
2. We must take _____ for our growth.

Three truths in verses 3-9 that will help us abundantly grow in grace and Christian character development:

1. **We _____ all that we need.**

“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. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.”-- 2 Peter 1:3-4:

2. **We must _____ all that we have.**

Dallas Willard uses the letters VIM:

V _____ – We must first think about where we want to be.

I _____ – Then we must make a decision that we want to get there.

M _____ – Finally we must develop some practices that will get us there.

“For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.”--2 Peter 2:5-7

Spiritual growth is _____, not _____.

Let’s take a look at these seven ingredients that we must mix together:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

1. When we grow it will _____.

“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. But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.” --2 Peter 1:8-9

Peter then gives us two reasons why it’s worth living lives of worship:

1. Our lives will not be _____.

2. We will appreciate what we possess when we make _____ in our faith.