

Putting Knowledge to Work > 2 Peter 1:5-11

1:5-7 *God-given effort.* Peter's point is that the knowledge of Christ is meant to be applied. It is less like an insurance policy and more like instructions: directions to a life of faithfulness and freedom and joy. We pursue that life as we pursue Christ-like virtues: not to save us (Jesus has already done that), not to keep us in the faith (Christ's power is enough), but to grow in and respond to Jesus with our lives.

1:8-9 *Why?* The reason that such growth and such living is important is because this is what maturity and Christian fruitfulness looks like. To do otherwise is to be careless with the faith, it is to be forgetful of the very gospel that saves!

1:10-11 *Be diligent.* Therefore, Peter calls every reader of his letter to aim at growing in Christ. This is the way to holiness, this is the way to reassurance in Jesus for eternity.

Background: Peter introduced the importance of knowledge in **verses 1-4**, now, we find that this knowledge is meant to cause us to be "do-ers." Christians are to be a people who act on what they know.

The Point: Make it a point to intentionally grow in Jesus.

Head: Know that growth is necessary – it is the right attitude and action to respond to Christ's goodness given to you.

Heart: Believe that growing in Christ is both possible and worth it – this is how we gain assurance of our faith.

Hands: How are you intentionally growing in Jesus in 2024?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
