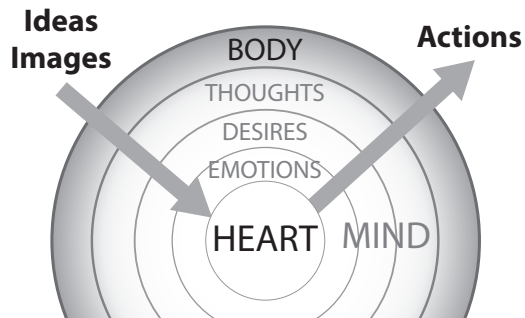


On To Maturity 07

Effective and Fruitful In Knowing Christ

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1 Visualizing The Heart



We are
MOVED by our Emotions,
DRIVEN by our Desires,
GUIDED by our Thoughts.

2 Vision > Intention > MEANS Some Basic Spiritual Exercises:

- 1 **HEARING the Word of God and Seeing His Glory**
(Truth) **Renewing Our Thoughts**
- 2 **PRAYING**
(Goodness) **Transforming Our Desires**
- 3 **SERVING**
(Glory/Beauty) **Shaping Our Emotions**

3 Peter's Seven Virtues / Qualities (2 Peter 1:1-11)

1 Father God's gracious powerful provision is the foundation of everything else.

2 Peter 1:1-4 Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have **obtained/received/been granted** a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: 1:2 May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

1:3 **His divine power has granted to us all things** that pertain to life and godliness,...

2 The "deep, personal knowledge" of Jesus is the source of all that we need.

2 Peter 1:3 ...through the [deep, personal] knowledge of Him who called us to his own glory and **excellence**, 1:4 by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises,...

3 We become "partakers of the Divine Nature."

2 Peter 1:4 ...so that through them [His Promises] you may become **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

4 God's gifts do not negate our effort.

2 Peter 1:5-7 For this very reason, **make every effort to add to your faith...**

"Grace is not opposed to effort, it is opposed to earning."
(Dallas Willard, *The Great Omission*)

5 Peter lists Seven basic Virtues/Qualities:

[1] Excellence / Moral Excellence

(Philippians 4:8; 1 Peter 2:9; 2 Peter 1:3, 1:5)

Excellence is the pursuit of noble and Christlike character that reflects God's glory in every area of life. Pursuing excellence shows how much we CARE.

[2] Knowledge

(Romans 15:14; 1 Corinthians 8:1–3; 2 Corinthians 6:6; Colossians 1:9–10; 2 Peter 3:18)

Knowledge is growing in the practical understanding of God's Truth so that we can discern good and evil.

[3] Self-control

(Acts 24:25; 1 Corinthians 7:9; 1 Corinthians 9:25; Galatians 5:23; Titus 1:8)

Self-control is the Spirit-enabled ability to master our thoughts, desires, emotions rather than being mastered by them.

[4] Perseverance

(Luke 8:15; Romans 5:3–4; Romans 15:4–5; James 1:3–4; Hebrews 12:1; Revelation 14:12)

Perseverance is steadfast endurance that remains faithful to Christ through trials, suffering, and the passing of time.

[5] Godliness

(Acts 3:12; 1 Timothy 2:2; 1 Timothy 3:16; 1 Timothy 4:7–8; 1 Timothy 6:6, 11; Titus 1:1; 2 Peter 1:3; 2 Peter 3:11)

Godliness is living with reverent devotion to God so that His character is increasingly reflected in our lives.

[6] Brotherly Affection (*philadelphia*)

(Romans 12:10; 1 Thessalonians 4:9; Hebrews 13:1; 1 Peter 1:22; 2 Peter 1:7)

Brotherly affection is sincere family-like love that seeks the good of fellow believers with kindness, loyalty, and care.

[7] Unselfish Love (*agape*)

(Matthew 22:37–39; John 13:34–35; Romans 5:8; Romans 13:8–10; 1 Corinthians 13; Galatians 5:13–14, 22; Ephesians 5:2; Colossians 3:14; 1 John 3:16–18; 1 John 4:7–12)

Unselfish Love is the self-giving commitment to seek the highest good of others for God's glory, regardless of the cost.

6 These qualities assure us that we are effective and productive.

2 Peter 1:8-9

For if these things are really yours and are continually increasing, they will keep you from becoming **ineffective** and **unproductive** in your pursuit of knowing our Lord Jesus Christ more intimately.

UNSELFISH LOVE
BROTHERLY AFFECTION
GODLINESS
PERSEVERANCE
SELF-CONTROL
KNOWLEDGE
EXCELLENCE