

AN EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN LIFE

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	Follow	(vv.3-4) (vv.5-7)	2 Peter 1:3-9 3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. 5 For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. (ESV)
3.	Remember	(vv.8-9)	

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about our LifeGroups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please visit compasshillcountry.org/lifegroups or email us at evan@compasshillcountry.org.

- 1. What is one observation you found particularly helpful from this men's sermon?
- 2. Read 2 Peter 1:3-4, Colossians 3:5–9 & 3:12-14. Why is knowing the Holy Spirit will provide the strength for Christians to grow in godliness comforting to know? Using Colossians 3, write down one sin you need to put to death in your life & one righteous habit of Christ you need to put on?
- 3. Read 2 Peter 2:5-6. How do the characteristics listed in 2 Peter strengthen the Christian's faith?
- 4. Write down a practical way you can grow in each godly characteristic:
 - a. Virtue/Excellence -
 - b. Knowledge -
 - c. Self-Control -
 - d. Steadfastness -
 - e. Godliness -
 - f. Brotherly-affection -
 - g. Love for God -
- 5. Read 2 Peter 1:8–9 & John 15:4–5. How do these verses motivate you to live an effective life for Christ through His power? Knowing God uses Spiritual Disciplines to help up abide in Him, pick one of the following Spiritual Disciplines to focus on for the next 8 weeks & how you will plan, prepare, partner-up, & persevere.
 - a. Spiritual Disciplines
 - i. Bible Reading
 - ii. Bible Memorization
 - iii. Prayer
 - iv. Serving the Church
 - v. Worship
 - vi. Evangelism
 - b. How I will...
 - i. Plan -
 - ii. Prepare -
 - iii. Partner-up -
 - iv. Persevere
- 6. Challenge Review: Tell your Life Group your update on the challenge to pray for the church every day for 5-minutes.