

Text: 1 Corinthians 3:9 and 2 Peter 1:1-11
Topic: Spiritual Growth in the Church
Study: The Church is a field: Guide to Maturity
First Corinthians
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The Eight Spiritual Values of Highly Effective Christians
“Knowledge”

1. Introduction:

2. Based on these verses the benefits of these values are:

- a. It will make you effective in your Christian life. (vs. 8) (“neither barren”)
- b. It will make you productive in your Christian life. (vs. 8) (“neither unfruitful”)
- c. It will keep you from falling. (vs. 10) (“never fall”)
- d. You will enter into a life of bounty. (vs. 11)

3. Based on these verses the absence of these values:

- a. Will cause you to be spiritually blind.
- b. (vs. 9)
- c. Will make you to become spiritually shortsighted. (Lack of discernment) (vs. 9)
- d. Will cause a loss of memory. (vs. 9)

“But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, Or, make every effort, to add”.” (v 5b)

Text for today: 2 Peter 1:1-11

Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the **righteousness** of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory (Manifestation of the divine character of Christ) and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. Fruitful Growth in the Faith 5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. 10

1. Work hard.

a. Four elements to gaining knowledge:

i. A_____to my words

ii. I_____your ear unto my sayings

iii. Let them not_____

iv. K_____them in the midst of your heart

2. Be diligent to.