

The Second Epistle of Peter  
*Peter's Recipe for Spiritual Maturity (4)*

2 Peter 1:5-7

Part 7

**I. Giving All Diligence Add to Your Knowledge *Self-Control*.**

*Its meaning*

Cf. 1 Cor.9:25

*Its necessity*

Cf. Gen.4:6; Eph.5:18; 1 Pet. 2:11

*Its extent*

Cf. 1 Cor.6:12

*Its goal*

"It is the inner strength of character, whereby our passions and desires are *rightly ordered according to knowledge*." Pastor Chuck Rennie

*Its importance*

Cf. Prov.4:23; 15:28; Lu.9:23,24; 1 Pet.2:11

*Its example*

Cf. Matt.4:1-11; Lu.22:42

**II. Giving All Diligence Add to Your Self-Control *Perseverance*.**

*Its meaning*

Cf. Lu.9:23; Ja.1:3

"In the New Testament it is the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings."

*Its necessity*

Cf. Acts 14:22; 1 Tim.6:12

*Its importance*

Cf. Mark 13:13

"There are fewer more reliable tests of faith than this; true faith endures." (M. Green, Tyndale)

*Its example*

Cf. Lu.2:52; 9:51; Jn.19:30; Heb.12:2

**III. Christmas Grace.**

Cf. Titus 2:11-13; 3:3-5