

The Second Epistle of Peter
Peter's Recipe for Spiritual Maturity
2 Peter 1:5-7
Part 4

I. Peter's Concern for Spiritual Maturity.

These verses (vv.5-11) form the overarching purpose of Peter's epistle

"Here the apostle comes to the *chief thing intended in this epistle* – to excite and engage his readers to advance in grace and holiness." M. Henry

II. Peter's Call to Spiritual Maturity.

It follows apostolic protocol

Cf. Psa.116:2; Rom.12:1,2; 1 Cor.6:20; Eph.4:32;5:2

"The plenteousness of the Divine bounty is proclaimed that it may evoke an earnest response from all who receive it." Expositor's Bible Commentary

It is a summons to give diligent effort

Cf. Phil.2:12,13; 1 Tim.4:7;6:12; Heb.12;14; Ja.2:26

III. Peter's Recipe for Spiritual Maturity. vv.5-7