

PARTAKERS of the DIVINE NATURE

“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 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 and virtue, 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.

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your *faith virtue,* to virtue *knowledge,* to knowledge *self-control,* to self-control *perseverance,* to perseverance *godliness,* to godliness *brotherly kindness,* and to brotherly kindness *love.*

For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. *Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our*

Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

II Peter 1:2-11

Add to your . . .



Characteristic	Greek word	Definition	Meaning	Who is there	Bible Example	Challenge To Moving up
LOVE	AGAPE	Unconditional love	Godlike, selflessness	Mature Christ-like Christian	Jesus	Loving lost souls over wanting to be with God
BROTHERLY KINDNESS	PHILADELPHIA	Fraternal affection	Love of people without respect of person	Brethren dwelling in unity of doctrine	Johnathan, Barnabas	Loving God over ALL people
GODLINESS	EUSEBEIA	Piety to the gospel scheme, holiness	Divine nature, changed person, reflections of God's image	Elders	Moses, Paul	Conquering pride
PERSEVERENCE	HUPOMONE	Cheerful, hopeful, endurance, constancy, patient	Long-term suffering for the will of God, consistent character	Martyrs	Job, Daniel dealing with the kings	Enduring/suffering injustice without complaining
SELF CONTROL	ENGKRATIAH	Temperance, strong in	Practice of God's will, appetites under control, steadiness evident in temptations	Faithful Christians	Joseph, David not killing Saul in the cave	Overcoming temptation
KNOWLEDGE	GNOSIS	Knowledge, science	Mental awareness of God's will, accuracy of Truth, understanding, gospel obeyed, salvation received	New Christians (Born again)	Solomon, Cornelius learning in Acts ch. 10	Thinking that because you 'Know about Love' that you are there
VIRTUE	ARETE	Manliness, excellence	Man's goodness, first step away from corruption, doing something due to personal beliefs	Denominational masses (Protestant, Catholic)	Rehab helping spies, Good Samaritan	Self-righteousness, overcoming relative morality
FAITH	PISTIS	Persuasion, credence, conviction, reliance	Substance & Evidence of unseen, drawn to Word of God, belief in Christ/Creation/Word, Trust God to perform His promises, start of 'Divine Nature'	Worldly people that believe in God	Abraham leaving Ur, Centurion ask for healing	Thinking that 'Faith Alone' saves

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