

# The Great Things of the Believer's Life

## 2 Peter 01:05–15

### **1 The charge**

***to add “these things” to one’s life***

- a. Add goodness
- b. Add knowledge
- c. Add self-control
- d. Add perseverance
- e. Add godliness
- f. Add brotherly kindness
- g. Add Love

### **2 The great power of “these things”**

- a. These things keep you from being barren or unfruitful
- b. These things keep you from being spiritually blind
- c. These things keep you from forgetting that you have been cleansed from your sins
- d. These things keep you from falling
- e. These things give you eternal life and more

5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge;

6 And to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness;

7 And to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.

8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.

10 Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall,

11 And you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**3 *The great importance of “these things”***

a. To always preach these things

1) Not to neglect them

2) To preach them although believers are grounded therein

b. To always stir believers about these things, as long as you are alive

c. To see that believers are stirred over these things even after your death

1) To die soon

2) To have a lasting ministry is essential

12 So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have.

13 I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body,

14 Because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.

15 And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.