

2 Peter 1:5-11 (NCV)

5 Because you have these blessings, **do your best to add these things to your lives:** to your faith, add goodness; and to your goodness, add knowledge; 6 and to your knowledge, add self-control; and to your self-control, add patience; and to your patience, add service for God; 7 and to your service for God, add kindness for your brothers and sisters in Christ; and to this kindness, add love.

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8 If all these things are in you and are growing, they will help you to be **useful and productive** in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But anyone who does not have these things cannot see clearly. He is **blind and has forgotten that he was made clean from his past sins.**

10 My brothers and sisters, try hard to be certain that you really are called and chosen by God. If you do all these things, you will never fall.

11 And you will be given **a very great welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

GOING A LITTLE
FARTHER

2 Peter 1:5-11

STARTING WHERE WE ARE...

...AND TAKING A STEP FARTHER.



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...IT'S ABOUT **LIFELONG PROGRESS** IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

2 Peter 1:5-7



1. **FAITH** (starting point)
2. **INDIVIDUAL** qualities
3. **OTHERS** (brotherly kindness; agape love)



What is the Outcome?

- v.8: For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they **keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful** in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- v.9: For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, **having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.**
- v.10-11: Therefore, **brothers**, be all the more diligent to **confirm your calling and election**, for if you practice these qualities **you will never fall**. For in this way there will be richly provided for you **an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

ARMY

REFUGE

FAMILY

Genesis 18:17-33

¹⁷ “The LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do,
¹⁸ seeing that Abraham shall surely become a **great and mighty nation**,
and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹ For I have
chosen him, that he may **command his children and his household
after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and
justice**, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised
him.”

²³ Then Abraham drew near and said...²⁴ “Suppose there are fifty
righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not
spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it... ²⁵ **Shall not the Judge of all
the earth do what is just?**” ²⁶ And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty
righteous in the city, **I will spare (forgive) the whole place** for their sake.”

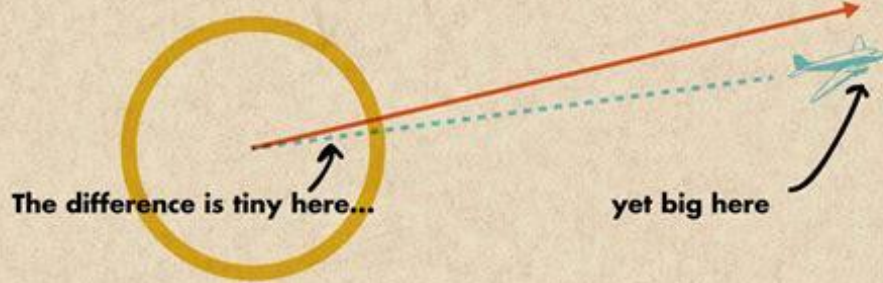


THE POWER
OF A FEW
GOING A LITTLE
FARTHER

“Forgiveness is here! Be reconciled to God!”

A LITTLE SHIFT...

THE POWER OF A **ONE DEGREE SHIFT**



...AND **HOW MUCH FARTHER**
CAN WE GO WITH GOD?