



**“BUILDING A FOREVER FAITH”
Part 3**

2 Peter 1:1-11

Two Overarching Principles About Growth

- 1. Your spiritual growth has nothing to do with
your physical age**
- 2. You can grow spiritually as much as you want to
grow**

Four prerequisites you need to build a faith that will last forever

1. Get the Right Investor (vv. 3-4)

He Has the Power

He Keeps His Promises

II. Follow the Building Code (vv. 5-7)

It requires cooperation

You must have cooperation with God's operation

Giving all diligence (v. 5) literally means *make every possible effort or intensively exert yourself*

Spiritual growth is never accidental; it is always intentional

II. Follow the Building Code (vv. 5-7)

Philippians 2:12-13

So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

II. Follow the Building Code (vv. 5-7)

It requires supplementation

He's given the power, and He makes the promises, but we add the perks, and He'll give you everything you need to pull that off

The Seven Supplements Needed to Add to Your Faith

Virtue

Moral excellence

Something that fulfills the purpose for which it was made

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Knowledge

Greek *epignósis*, which means *an expert, full knowledge; the ultimate knowledge*

A growing, personal, authentic knowledge

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Self-control

Self-control bridges the gap between what we know
and what we do

“People don’t care how much you know until they
know how much you care

Greek word meaning *to hold one's self together*;
speaks of a training athlete

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Perseverance

To bear up under the trial

"Hang in there"

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Godliness

Literally, *God-likeness*

Speaks of being right with God and therefore right
with other people

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Brotherly kindness; *Philadelphia* Love; *agape*,

sacrificial love

III. Build with Growth in Mind (vv. 8-10)

You should build with future growth in mind, not plateau

Fruit is an ever-expanding life that blesses other people

Fruit refreshes other people

Three different kinds of faith

Faulty, fake; James 2:19

Firm: genuine, saving faith

Flowing Faith

Three different kinds of faith

Genesis 49:22

Joseph in the Old Testament it says

“His branches go over the wall”

Three different kinds of faith

John 7:37-38

³⁷ Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’”

Don't be a gulper; be a gusher

Three different kinds of faith

Someone who is always adding and growing

Can see where they've come from and where they're going

A growing believer will be a steady believer

IV. Plan for the Move (v. 11)

In heaven, you will never regret the hours you spent doing
the Lord's work

You are to build and plan for the move

Some will get a more glorious entrance into heaven than
others

The gains of heaven will more than compensate for all
the losses of earth

The Leaning Tower of Pisa



Closing Thoughts

If you build on marshy ground, the tower is going to fall, so you need to build on a solid foundation

Make sure your life is built on the right foundation