

## These Things

2 Peter 1:5-15\*

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Where there is life, there must be growth. The new birth is not the end; it is the beginning. God gives His children all that they need to live godly lives, but His children must apply themselves and be diligent to use the “means of grace” He has provided. *Spiritual growth is not automatic.* It requires cooperation with God and the application of spiritual diligence and discipline. “Work out your own salvation ... For it is God which works in you” (Phil. 2:12–13).<sup>1</sup> How can the believer be certain that he is growing spiritually? Peter gives us the profits and the procedures of true spiritual growth.

The profits (8-15)

"these things" can guarantee:

The procedures (5-7) —*eight qualities*

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\* These notes are prayerfully prepared to aid, not replace, your personal study of God's Word.

<sup>1</sup> Warren W. Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*, vol. 2 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1996), 437–438.