

## The Imperative of Moral Excellence

2 Peter 1:5\*

What is the measurement of your spiritual growth? Peter gives us eight characteristics that will be increasing in the growing Christian's life. The first is faith, then . . .

"in your faith supply moral excellence" (NASB)

New King James Version "giving all diligence, add to your faith **virtue**."

New English Translation "make every effort to add to your faith **excellence**."

English Standard Version "make every effort to supplement your faith with **virtue**."

Holman Christian Standard Bible "make every effort to supplement your faith with **goodness**."

Revised Standard Version "make every effort to supplement your faith with **virtue**."

New International Version "make every effort to add to your faith **goodness**;"

New Living Translation "Supplement your faith with a generous provision of **moral excellence**."

The Message "So don't lose a minute in building on what you've been given, complementing your basic faith with **good character**."

The trauma of holiness —R. C. Sproul

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