

FOLLOWING JESUS

IN A DIFFICULT WORLD

BLUEPRINT FOR BUILDING GODLINESS



Introduction:

- When I accepted the call to my first church as pastor, I had a goal that we would become the best church in Coshocton County. It seemed like we had everything we needed. There was a building. There were people. There were a number of programs. But I floundered for a while because I really didn't know where to start.
- Last week, we learned from 2 Peter 1 that when it comes to following Jesus in a difficult world, God has given us everything we need. But the question is, "Where do we start?"
- This morning, in 2 Peter 1:5-7, Peter answers that question by giving us a step-by-step blueprint for what we must do to build godliness into our lives.

Start With the Foundation of _____.

- Saving faith isn't something we muster on our own, it is something we _____! (2 Peter 1:1; Ephesians 1:3-6; 2:8)
- Having accepted God's gift of salvation, this saving faith is something we must _____.

Then Supplement Your Faith With:

- Same word is used as a _____ (v. 3).
- It means fulfilling what you are supposed to do, which is to _____ by your life.
- This, and all the other building blocks, take _____.

How are we to learn what God's character is like? It will take knowledge.

- God's nature and character are revealed through _____ in a general way.
- But special/specific revelation of God's character comes through _____.

- This is one of the _____.
- It controls _____ through the knowledge of the Word and will of God.

Conclusion:

1. Which building block do I need to give the most attention to right now?
2. What can I do, starting today, to improve that quality in my quest for godliness?