



## *Reaching the World For Christ*

*Famous Last Words*  
*Peter's Last Letter: Part 7*  
**2 Peter 1:5-15**

There are 2 primary problems with assurance.

1. There is the problem of a **false** assurance.
2. There is the problem of a **lack** of assurance.

3 words to instruct us as we seek to gain and maintain assurance.

### **I. Supplement**          v5-7

1. **Peter is saying that faith is not the end. It is the beginning.**

*1 Thess 3:10 as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith*

2. **We must make, not just an effort, but every effort.**
3. **We must supplement our faith with some character qualities.**
  - a. **Virtue**
  - b. **Knowledge**
  - c. **Self Control**
  - d. **Steadfastness**
  - e. **Godliness**

1 Tim 4:7-8 *Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.*

f. **Brotherly affection**

Rom 12:10 *Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor*

1 Thess 4:9-10 *Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more*

g. **Love**

Gal 5:14-15 *For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.*

1 Cor 13:13 *So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

**II. Increase**            **v8-11**

Increasing in the Greek implies possessing **more than enough**, even too much, of something.

Diligent conveys the idea of zeal and **haste**.

To practice refers to our **daily** conduct.

**III. Remember**            **v12-15**

To stir them up means to thoroughly **awaken**.

John 21:18-19 *Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."*

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