

From Jesus' power through his death and resurrection we have been freed from the desires of our flesh and given a life of "good worship" (v. which allows us to love God and love people in powerful ways.

**This devotional / self assessment allows us to take a moment to remember the One who cleansed us from our past sin (v. 9) and empowers us to a life of goodness, knowledge, self control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection, and love. (v.5-6)**

**2 PETER 1:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

<sup>4</sup> Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.



**2 PETER 1:5-8**

<sup>5</sup> For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; <sup>6</sup> and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; <sup>7</sup> and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. <sup>8</sup> For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.



**Use the next few pages to remember Jesus and how the gospel is a story of goodness, knowledge, etc. Also assess your own life so that we can make every effort to add these to our faith, in increasing measure.** Remember all of these come from Jesus, and sometimes an answer to increasing is to know Jesus through God's word, God's people, and His Spirit. This could be useful in personal devotional time or in a group to encourage each other. Do this in one sitting or over time as a way encourage you to know Jesus more and help others know the source of goodness, knowledge, etc.

**WHERE IS GOODNESS  
IN JESUS' LIFE AND THE GOSPEL?**

**GOODNESS**

"translates a word that has also been translated as virtue, courage and excellence. **It can be used of a land that is fertile and productive.** It is the quality that makes a person friendly, courageous a good citizen and skilled in the art of living well."

**WHERE IS GOODNESS IN YOUR LIFE?  
RATE YOURSELF 1-10**

**WHAT IS ONE WAY YOU COULD  
INCREASE YOUR GOODNESS?**

**WHERE IS KNOWLEDGE  
IN JESUS' LIFE AND THE GOSPEL?**

**KNOWLEDGE**

"is practical knowledge that enables one to **decide rightly and act effectively.**"

**WHERE IS KNOWLEDGE IN YOUR LIFE?  
RATE YOURSELF 1-10**

**WHAT IS ONE WAY YOU COULD  
INCREASE YOUR KNOWLEDGE?**

**WHERE IS SELF-CONTROL  
IN JESUS' LIFE AND THE GOSPEL?**

**SELF-CONTROL**

“is more than just the ability to use reason to control one’s emotions. Christian self-control is **submission to the control of the indwelling Christ** and the power of the Holy Spirit”

**WHERE IS SELF-CONTROL IN YOUR LIFE?**

*RATE YOURSELF 1-10*

**WHAT IS ONE WAY YOU COULD INCREASE  
YOUR SELF-CONTROL?**

**WHERE IS PERSEVERANCE  
IN JESUS' LIFE AND THE GOSPEL?**

**PERSEVERANCE**

“has been described as ‘the queen of virtues’. It is patience with **courage behind it and hope in its front yard**. It is the tenacity that refuses to give up when trouble comes but always looks forward to a better tomorrow”

**WHERE IS PERSEVERANCE IN YOUR LIFE?**

*RATE YOURSELF 1-10*

**WHAT IS ONE WAY YOU COULD INCREASE  
YOUR PERSEVERANCE?**

**WHERE IS GODLINESS IN  
JESUS' LIFE AND THE GOSPEL?**

**GODLINESS**

“translates a word that is rarely used in the NT, probably because it was commonly used with reference to pagan religion. Here it refers to piety towards God and **practical love for our fellow human beings, especially the most vulnerable and needy**

**WHERE IS GODLINESS IN YOUR LIFE?**

*RATE YOURSELF 1-10*

**WHAT IS ONE WAY YOU COULD INCREASE  
YOUR GODLINESS?**

**WHERE IS MUTUAL AFFECTION  
IN JESUS' LIFE AND THE GOSPEL?**

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**WHERE IS MUTUAL AFFECTION  
IN YOUR LIFE?**

*RATE YOURSELF 1-10*

**WHAT IS ONE WAY YOU COULD INCREASE  
YOUR MUTUAL AFFECTION?**

**WHERE IS LOVE  
IN JESUS' LIFE AND THE GOSPEL?**

**LOVE**

“is agape, God’s unconditional love for the righteous and the wicked alike. Such love is the nature of God (1 John 4:16), which we inherit when we are born again (1 John 4:7–8). Agape desires the highest good of the one loved, which results in sacrificial action for that person’s good. **It is what God shows for us in John 3:16 and expects us to have for one another in 1 John 3:16.**”

**WHERE IS LOVE IN YOUR LIFE?  
RATE YOURSELF 1-10**

**WHAT IS ONE WAY YOU COULD INCREASE YOUR LOVE?**

**RANK THESE FROM EASIEST TO HARDEST FOR YOU TO DO. 1 EASIEST - 7 HARDEST**

<b>Goodness</b>	<b>Knowledge</b>	<b>Self-Control</b>	<b>Perseverance</b>	<b>Godliness</b>	<b>Mutual Affection</b>	<b>Love</b>

**WHY DO YOU THINK THESE ARE EASIER OR HARDER?**

**DOES YOUR EFFORT TEND TO COME FROM JESUS OR YOURSELF IN THESE AREAS?**

<b>Goodness</b>	<b>Knowledge</b>	<b>Self-Control</b>	<b>Perseverance</b>	<b>Godliness</b>	<b>Mutual Affection</b>	<b>Love</b>

**WHO COULD HELP YOU INCREASE?**

**WHAT IS A FIRST STEP FOR YOU AFTER DOING THIS ASSESSMENT?**

**HOW WILL YOU BE PRAYING FOR GOD TO EMPOWER YOU THIS WEEK?**