

Text: 2 Peter 1:7a
Topic: Affection. Love.
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Adding to Your Faith ^{part 7}

Making Sure They Know You Care

1:3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. 5 For this very reason, ***make every effort to add to your faith*** goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, ***brotherly kindness***; and to brotherly kindness, love. 8 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. 9 But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins. 10 Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (NIV)

1. Be _____

2. Exceed _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. It is recommended that you take time this week to write out your response to each of these questions. This will help to drive home the point of today's message and will help you apply the principles to your life situation.

1. Many Christians would consider this virtue as the most unimportant in the list so far. Why do you think that this topic was important enough for God to include among the things that we should be making every effort to add to our faith?
2. If every individual person that attends PCC actually began to make a serious effort to add this sixth virtue to their Christian life what kind of difference do you think it would make in our church? What effect would it have on you?
3. Generally speaking, how difficult is it for you to express your affection?

Toward whom is it difficult for you to express your affection?

What effort will you make this week to express your affection to them in particular?

4. There are a variety of reasons that people feel inhibited about expressing their love for others. List a few.

Which of these do you struggle with?

What does the Bible have to say about these inhibiting factors? List any passages from the Bible that address these specific things?