

Add to Your Faith

## 2 Peter 1:5 (NKJV)

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,

# Luke 17:5 (NKJV)

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For if these things are yours and abound, *you will be* neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; <sup>11</sup> for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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## 2 Thessalonians 1:3–4 (NKJV)

**3** We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because **your faith grows exceedingly**, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, **4** so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure,

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# 2 Corinthians 10:14–16

## (ESV)

... For we were the first to come all the way to you with the gospel of Christ. **15** ... But our hope is that as your faith increases, our area of influence among you may be greatly enlarged, **16** so that we may preach the gospel in lands beyond you

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- Numerical growth – Acts 16:5

# Acts 16:5 (NKJV)

5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily.

# How to Add to your Faith

- Hear the word of God – Rom 10:16-17

# Romans 10:13-17 (NKJV)

**13** For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” **14** How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? **15** And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!” **16** But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “LORD, who has believed our report?” **17** So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

# What is in there?

- Commands, instructions, warnings
- Accounts of God's dealings with the faithful and the faithless
- The life and example of Jesus Christ, the object of our faith, and its author and perfecter (Heb. 12:2)

# How do you Hear?

Luke 8:18–21 (ESV) - “Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away... My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.”

Mark 4:24–25 (ESV) - And he said to them, “Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. <sup>25</sup> For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”

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# James 1:22-25 (NKJV)

**22** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. **23** For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; **24** for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. **25** But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

# Hebrews 3:16–4:2 (NKJV)

**16** For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? **17** Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? **18** And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? **19** So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. **1** Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. **2** For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

# Matthew 7:24–27 (NKJV)

“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: <sup>25</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: <sup>27</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

# Case Study: Forgiveness

Luke 17:3–5 (NKJV) - Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. <sup>4</sup> And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him.” <sup>5</sup> And the apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.”

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