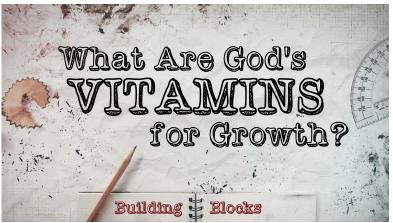
Knowledge & **Self-Control**

We're exploring 2 Peter 1, where we introduced last Wednesday what we've called "God's Vitamin Cabinet."



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His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to	Build	ing F Blocks	
and godliness, throug	h the knowledge of him	n who called us to his	s own glory
and excellence, by which he has g	granted to us his precio	us and very great pro	omises, so
that through them you may becor	me partakers of the divi	ne nature, having esc	caped
from the corruption that is in the v	world because of sinful	desire. For this very r	eason,
make every effort to	your faith	with virtue, and virtu	ue with
, and kr	nowledge with		
self (2 Pet 1:3-	6)		
Let's start with knowledge . For some	e reason, the apostle		
Peter is convinced that the right sort	of knowledge can		
have a profound impact on our lives.	Just listen to how		
his letter began:			-0
May and peace b	be multiplied to you	Se	
in the knowledge of	_ and of Jesus our	- KNAW ~ °	trol
Lord. (2 Pet 1:2)		ledge 🐱	livi
Listen again, carefully, to the next ver	se and notice the	icuge -	
difference knowledge can make:	`		
His divine power has granted to u	ıs all things that		
pertain to life and godliness,	the		
knowledge of him who called us	to his own glory and ex	kcellence (2 Pet 1:3	3)
Knowledge is even highlighted at the	e very end of Peter's lett	ter:	
But in the grace and	knowledge of our Lo	rd and Savior Jesus (Christ. To
him be the glory both now and to	the day of eternity. Am	ien. (2 Pet 3:18)	
Why is knowledge so vital to our spir	itual growth? We'll expl	ore that together in j	ust a
moment. But before we do, we were			
control. What's that? We'll dig into it			
After some days Felix came with h	=		it for Paul
and heard him speak about			
righteousness and -col			

That sounds a whole lot like what we've already been introduced to in 2 Peter 1, doesn't it? These are qualities that are absolutely essential for spiritual growth. Let's talk about them!

For Class & Family Discussion:

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•	If faith is the foundation of our spiritual growth and development, of all the things we
	could "add to" our faith, why do you think the Holy Spirit mentions "virtue" followed by
	"knowledge"? Is there a logical flow to this order?

- What sort of things do I need to grow to "know" as a disciple of Jesus?
- How, practically speaking, can "grace and peace be multiplied" to me "in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord" (2 Pet 1:2)? What's the connection here between multiplied "grace and peace" and "the knowledge of God and of Jesus"?
- In everyday terms, how can I "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet 3:18)? Is it really that important?
- What about self-control? How would you describe it in your own words?
- Why do you think self-control is what follows knowledge in our 2 Peter 1 passage?
- Why is self-control absolutely essential to a healthy, growing relationship with God?

Next Wednesday...

We'll focus in on and discuss the supplements of **steadfastness** and **godliness**.