

Developing Capacity

1. We must develop the capacity to appreciate God's ways or methods; which translates to our eternal reward

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An **abundant entrance** is for those who will make learning doctrine the number one priority in their life. This means being obedient to the word of God, doing God's word God's way.

Paul said "I do not come with excellency of speech, or of man's wisdom declaring onto you the word of God?"

2 Peter 1:2-15

2 May grace and peace be multiplied to you **in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.**

3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and **godliness**, through the **knowledge of him** who called us to his own glory and **excellence**,

4 by which he has granted to us his **precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

5 For this very reason, make every effort to **supplement your faith with virtue**, and virtue with **knowledge**,

6 and **knowledge with self-control**, and self-control with **steadfastness**, and steadfastness with **godliness**,

7 and godliness with **brotherly affection**, and brotherly affection with **love**.

8 For if these **qualities** are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful **in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

9 For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.

10 Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for **if you practice these qualities you will never fall**.

11 **For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

12 Therefore I intend always to remind you of these **qualities**, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have.

13 I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder,

14 since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.

15 And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

These qualities are the excellence of godliness in the divine nature developed through the acquisition of the promises in the knowledge of Him

Established in the truth; or the doctrines that have become deeply rooted in our soul, so that we will allow nothing to stop us from obeying them

2. Colossians 3:17 (NKJV)
17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

3. The Christians language and joking

Clarify your comment when you were joking about iron in the blood of Muslims

Making light of political correctness

Colossians 4:5-6 (NKJV)

5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, **redeeming the time**.

Make good use of the time

6 Let your speech **always** be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know **how you ought to answer each one**.

4. As Christians, our words to the unsaved should be **gracious** (winsome, attractive, agreeable, pleasing),

"seasoned with salt," palatable, and **suitable** (suited to the personality, the position, the state, and the needs of the person spoken to; **suitable to answering every man wisely**).

Foolish, jesting, thoughtless, empty, angry, blunt, cutting, and filthy words harm the Christian cause.

winsome ['wɪnsəm] adjective attractive or appealing in appearance or character: a winsome smile.

Psalm 19:14 (NKJV)

14 Let **the words of my mouth** and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.