

Christ's All-Sufficient Sanctification

2 Peter 1:5-8

*“Cease **listening**, my son, to **discipline**, and you will **stray from** the words of knowledge.”*
(Proverbs 19:27)

*”There is a **natural drift** to the human heart, and it is a **sinful drift** away from the truth.”*
(John Street)

What kind of listening does Proverbs refer to?

Listening involves hearing and then responding in conformity with what you hear.



Discipline (*musar*) = a warning for correction, instruction, reproof and discipline; training to improve your strength or self-control.



- BECOME SPIRITUALLY WEAK AND VULNERABLE TO DECEPTION;
- CREATE ISSUES OF SELF-CONTROL OVER SIN

How do we listen to God? How are we guided by God?

Jesus said, *“If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love... you are my friends if you do what I command you.”* (John 15:10, 14)

Abiding in His love **is the heart** of our walk with Him.

Through a **true knowledge** of Christ, we are blessed with a sufficient **Savior** (2 Pet. 1:1), a sufficient **Scripture** (2 Pet. 1:2-4), and now a sufficient **Sanctification** (2 Pet. 1:5-11).

In 1 Peter 1:5-8, Peter outlines spiritual qualities of a **grace-given, progressing sanctification**. These are **useful and fruitful virtues** for growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

I. Faith

“Even though the initiative in salvation comes from God, He works out our sanctification by putting us to work.” *(Simon Kistemaker)*

Now, because God has supplied you with all you need for life and godliness, you make every effort to lavishly put your faith in Jesus to work in how you live your life for His glory.

How? What do you set your heart and spiritual sights on?

II. Moral Excellence

Psalms 101:3 is an application of this heart integrity.

This is a man being careful to follow **Proverbs 4:23**: “*Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life.*”

III. Knowledge

Knowledge refers to the “practical discrimination of good and evil; intelligent appreciation of what is the will of God in each detail of practice.” (*Jamieson-Fausset-Brown Bible Commentary*)

IV. Self-control

V. Perseverance

“That is *hupomonē*, Christian **steadfastness**. It is the courageous acceptance of everything that life can do to us and the transmuting of even the worst event into another step on the upward way.” (*William Barclay*)

VI. Godliness

VII. Brotherly Kindness

*“Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, **fervently love one another from the heart.**” (1 Peter 1:22)*

VIII. Love

2 Peter 1:8

“...are yours...” = are discernable, visible, characteristic of you.

This is our emphasis on what we grow to show:

→ the character of Jesus alive and at work in us.

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