



SERMON NOTES

Real Gyms Don't Sell Smoothies

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There is a danger in confusing the purpose of a great church with the benefits of a great church.

The purpose of a great church is to help you become like Christ.

2 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

2 Peter 1:3 (MSG)

Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us by getting to know, personally and intimately, the One who invited us to God.

2 Peter 1:3 (NRSV)

His divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

The sufficiency of Christ means that Christ is everything we need for salvation.

While salvation is a free gift, growth is not automatic...it is going to require some work.

2 Peter 1:5-7

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, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

When it comes to our spiritual growth, God invites us into a partnership with him. He gives us everything we need, but we have to do something with it.

- a. Goodness**
- b. Knowledge**

2 Peter 3:16

He (Paul) writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

- c. Self-Control**
- d. Perseverance**
- e. Godliness**
- f. Mutual Affection**
- g. Love**

Four Things to Remember About Spiritual Growth

1. Growth requires focus
2. Small Steps Add Up, So Keep Moving Forward!
3. Different People Will Struggle In Different Ways
4. Nobody Grows Without First Being Born.