

“By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life....Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.” 2 Peter 1:3, 5-7 NLT

[lectio] // 2 PETER 1:2-15

listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

[meditatio]

reflect on – what word, words, phrase, or sentence speaks to you from the text, then write them down

Peter makes it his mission to “always remember these things” this idea of walking with Jesus all your life. What does that look like? A godly life? His list is Peter’s view of a disciple. Here’s the progression: moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, patient endurance, godliness, brotherly affection and love for everyone. Easy? No, he starts...begins with moral excellence, a non-dualistic life - singulari vita. However, this list grows toward brotherly affection and then to love! Life’s pursuit moves towards love, it DOES NOT stall at morality, knowledge or even godliness. It’s destination is LOVE. “Love as I have loved you.”

[oratio]

pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

I get stuck at almost every progressive step. I appear to be moral, having knowledge and self-control and some godliness, but down deeper there are struggles in my inner life, my core (heart). I know now, you are interested in flushing out the inner to match or exceed the appearance of the outward. So, instead of “acting” moral or patient or godly - I am becoming more like Jesus from my core out. Only the Holy Spirit, who works on my core and your Word does those intimate surgeries in my soul. Do your work oh God, I want to finish well.

[contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root