

Growth

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- For this very reason
 - Verses 1-4
 - Take care
 - Dangerous corruption of the heart

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- **Make every effort**
 - Faith and works
 - Vital and organic growth
 - Life of grace

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- **Add**

- Supply, furnish with grace
- Growth is gradual

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- **To your faith**

- Increasing treasures
- Goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance
- Godliness, brotherly kindness, agape.

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 - It is possible
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- If you have them
 - Increasingly, actually
 - They will keep you

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- If you do not have them
 - Near sighted
 - Blind
 - Forgotten