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### **Peter's Recommendation on How We Should Approach Faith:**

1. Giving all diligence - Make maximum effort to increase the effectiveness of our \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Add to your faith - " \_\_\_\_\_ " is to give lavishly and generously.

The Faith Enhancers are graces from God to add to our faith to cause us to be more effective.

### **Faith Enhancers**

1. Virtue
  - a. *Virtue*. In classical Gr., meant the God-given ability to perform heroic deeds.
  - b. It also came to mean that quality of life which made someone stand out as excellent. Virtue is moral energy, the power that performs deeds of excellence.
2. Knowledge. This means understanding, correct insight, truth properly comprehended and applied. This virtue involves a diligent study and pursuit of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Word of God.

A.W. Tozer - "The Christian is strong or weak depending upon how closely he has cultivated the knowledge of God."

3. Self-Control

- a. *Self-control*. Lit. "Holding oneself in." In ancient Greek this word that speaks to the self-discipline of an athlete or Olympian. Thus, a Christian is to control the flesh, the passions, and the bodily desires, rather than allowing himself to be controlled by them.  
(1 Corinthians 9:27)
  
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Regiment
  - i. Anonymous "If you learn self-control, you can master anything."
  - ii. John Wooden "If you lose self-control everything will fall."
  
- c. Virtue, guided by knowledge, disciplines desire and makes it the servant, not the master, of one's life.

**Conclusion:** Tony Evens: These qualities act like vitamin supplements, enabling believers to adopt God's kingdom perspective and live in accordance with it. God instructs believers to add these qualities to their saving faith in order to actualize the potential for maturity and godly living.

