Spiritual Growth Sequence Passages

in the New Testament / A Comparison

	2 Peter 1:5-7	Romans 5:2-11	James 1:2-4
1	…make every effort to supplement your **faith..**	We have obtained access by **faith** into this grace in which we	**faith** / see verse 1:3
2		*Future* / …and we rejoice in the **hope of glory…**	
	Self Testing / Self Discipline		
3	…with **Virtue**, and Virtue…		
4	**…**with **knowledge,** and knowledge		
5	…with **Self-Control,** and Self-Control…		
6		**God's Testing / Trials / Circumstance**	
		Present / Not only that, but **we rejoice in our sufferings,** knowing suffering produces…	*Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet **trials** of various kinds, for you know that the **testing** of your faith produces…*
7	**…**with **Steadfastness,** and Steadfastness…	…**endurance,** and endurance produces…	….**steadfastness**, and let steadfastness have…
8	…with **Godliness**, and Godliness…	**…character,** and character produces…	**…its full effect…** [manifestation; proof]
9	**…**with **Brotherly Affection,** and brotherly affection…		
10	**The Goal:** ***Love For Others in this Life*** …with **Love.** *We gain the ability through Spiritual Growth to really love each other, not just say we do.*	11 **The Goal:** ***Hope For This Life*** ***Hope … not put to shame!*** **Have Holy Spirit** *[now, with lasting effects]* …we have **Reconciliation.** [vs 5:10-11]	12 **The Goal:** ***Maturity of Faith For Living*** …that you may be **perfect** and **complete**, lacking in nothing. + Wisdom from God + The Crown of Life

Intro

If these qualities are yours and are increasing, they will keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For everyone who lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind…

…if you practice these qualities you will never fail.

2 Peter 1:8-10

13 **The Goal:** ***Christlikeness***

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are **being transformed into the same image** from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18

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2		**If You Do, You're Good for the Future!**	
3	**Desire to be Excellent**		
4	**Focus on the Word of God!**		
5	**Tell Yourself "NO"**		
6		**Suffer For Your Faith / Do the Right Thing**	
7	**Do it For a Little While / Even in the Hard Times…**		
8	**God Will Change Your Very Nature!**		
9	**You Will Begin to Like Other People**		
10	**You Will Eventually Learn to Love Sacrificially Like God Does!**		
11		**You Will Have Hope For Not Only Tomorrow, but Today! God Will Dwell With You and Be Your Friend!**	
12			**You Will Become Who You Were Meant to Be in the First Place!**
13	**If You Don't Go About This, You're Not Seeing Things Right.**		

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