Add To Your Faith

2 Peter 1:1-11
1:1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ,
To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and
Savior Jesus Christ:
2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,
3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the
knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,
4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these
you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world
through lust.
5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,
6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,
7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.
8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the
knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was
cleansed from his old sins.
10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do
these things you will never stumble;
11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Virtue....
The quality of doing what is right and avoiding what is wrong
Merit: any admirable quality or attribute; "work of great merit"
Morality with respect to sexual relations
A particular moral excellence

Knowledge....
Cognition: the psychological result of perception and learning and reasoning
Knowledge is what is known. Like the related concepts truth, belief, and wisdom, there is no
single definition of knowledge on which scholars agree, but rather numerous theories and
continued debate about the nature of knowledge.

Prov 9:10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Prov 11:9 The hypocrite with his mouth destroys his neighbor,
But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered.
Prov 1:7  The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,  
But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Self Control....

Self control is the exertion of one's own will on their personal self - their behaviors, actions, thought processes.

Perseverance....

Doggedness: persistent determination  
The act of persisting or persevering; continuing or repeating behavior; "his perseverance continued to the point where it was no longer appropriate"

Rom 5:1-5  1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.  
3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;  
4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope.  
5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Godliness....

Piety by virtue of being a godly person  
Divinity and divine (sometimes 'the Divinity' or 'the Divine'), are broadly applied but loosely defined terms, used variously within different faiths and belief systems — and even by different individuals within a given faith — to refer to some transcendent or transcendental power, .....  

1 Tim 4:6-10  6 If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed.  
7 But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness.  
8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.  
9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.  
10 For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.
2 Tim 3:1-6 1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:
2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud,
blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,
4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,
5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

Brotherly Kindness....

The quality of being warmhearted and considerate and humane and sympathetic
Forgiveness: tendency to be kind and forgiving
A kind act
Charitable behavior to other people. It is considered to be one of the Knightly Virtues, and is a recognized value in many cultures and religions...

Love....

A strong positive emotion of regard and affection;
Any object of warm affection or devotion;
Have a great affection or liking for;

1 John 4:7-11 7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.
9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.
10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Rom 12:9-21 9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.
10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;
11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;
12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;
13 distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.
14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. 16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own
17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.
18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.
19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.
20 Therefore
   "If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
   If he is thirsty, give him a drink;
   For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head."
21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Heb 13:1-2
1 Let brotherly love continue.
2 Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.