

**Scripture relevant to each of these character qualities:**

- Goodness:** **Mark 10:17-18** The rich young ruler calls Jesus “good teacher”. Based on Jesus’ response, what does it mean to be good?
- Knowledge:** On Paul’s second missionary journey, Paul called the Bereans more noble... Why? **Acts 17:11**
- Self Control:** John Newton said “I am not what I might be, I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I wish to be, I am not what I hope to be. But I thank God I am not what I once was, and I can say with the great apostle, “By the grace of God I am what I am.” What do you think John Newton meant by this?  
Self control is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (**Gal 5:22-23**). How does the work of Christ in my life cause me to have more “self” control?
- Perseverance:** **James 1:2-3** What is the benefit to our faith being tested? Also read Romans 5:3-5.
- Godliness:** Godliness is living a life that imitates Jesus Christ **Phil 1:21** What did Paul mean in this verse?
- Brotherly Kindness:** **1 John 4:7-8** and **John 13:34-35** What is the significance of showing love to one another, and the cause of the Gospel.
- Love:** Agape love is the kind of unconditional love that caused Jesus to go to the cross. How can we have this kind of love for one another. Also read **1 John 3:16**

**As a young man, William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, made this promise:**

“I do promise God that I will rise early every morning to have a few minutes - not less than five - in private prayer. I will endeavor to conduct myself as a humble, meek, and zealous follower of Jesus, and by serious witness and warning I will try to lead others to think of the needs of their immortal souls. I hereby vow to read no less than four chapters in God's Word every day. I will cultivate a spirit of self-denial and will yield myself a prisoner of love to the Redeemer of the world.”



**Is God wanting you to make a commitment?**



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THE MISSION OF THE  
CHURCH**

**Emmanuel Mission Statement**

Relying on the enabling presence and power of God, our mission is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, to teach, baptize and disciple unto maturity in Christ.

1. Worship
2. Grow
3. Serve

## Your Mission - Gow

v.5 Make every effort & v.10 Be all the more eager =

Worship:

Grow:

Serve:

### GROW: TO STAY STRONG

v.3-4 His divine power has given us \_\_\_\_\_

He has given us: \_\_\_\_\_

So that:

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The dangers of not growing: (Read 1:4,10 and 3:17-18)

What will it take for us to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord and saviour, Jesus Christ (3:18)?

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### GROW: TO BE USEFUL

**V.8** For if you possess these qualities in \_\_\_\_\_, they will keep you from being \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

If we are going to be useful to the kingdom of God:

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1. 2 Peter 1:5 and 10, use the phrases, "Make every effort" and "Be all the more eager". When you think about your own walk with the Lord, do these phrases describe you? If not why not? What do you think needs to happen for us to become more "excited" and intentional about our christianity?

2. Read Emmanuel's mission statement on the front cover. It ends with, "disciple unto maturity in Christ". How would you describe a "mature" christian?

3. Read 2 Peter 1:3-4. What does Peter mean when he says, "His divine power has given us everything we need"? Everything we need for what?

Peter talks about, "His very great and precious promises". What is he referring to, and how do they bring about the life he talks about? (also read 2 Tim 3:16)

4. Read 1:4,8-9,10 and 3:17-18. From these verses, what are the dangers of not growing? Explain.

Do you feel that you are growing as a Christian? Do you see some of these possible dangers in your own life?

5. It is going to take intentionality and sacrifice for us to grow as a Christian. Explain.

What needs to happen in your own life for these two things to be a reality?

6. If we are going to be useful to the kingdom of God, the character qualities described in verses 6-8 need to growing in our lives in an increasing measure. These character qualities describe the nature of Jesus.

a. Define each one. b. Evaluate yourself in each of these area's

c. What do we need to do to possess each of these in increasing measure?

7. Verse 10 says, "Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure." What is the significance of these character qualities being added to your faith, to making your calling and election sure?

8. Why does a lack of these qualities make us ineffective and unproductive?

9. The character qualities that we are called to add to our faith will keep our lives consistent with the Word of God, and in tune with His Spirit. What is God calling you to do to possess these qualities in, "increasing measure"?