



You CAN have a Healthy Faith!

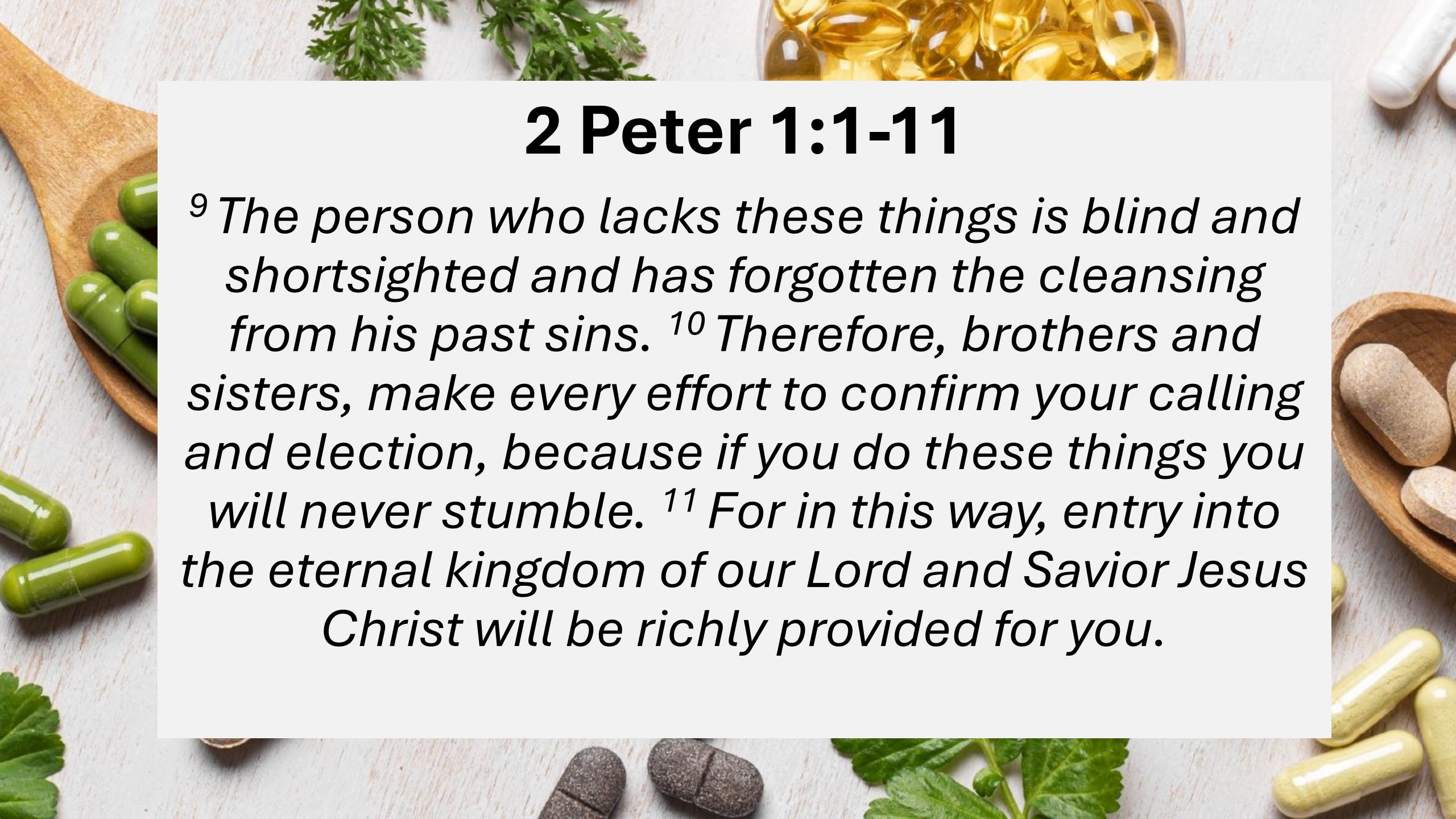
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1 Simeon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ: To those who have received a faith equal to ours through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 May grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 3 His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. 4 By these He has given us very great and precious promises, so that through them you may share in the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire.

2 Peter 1:1-11

5 For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with goodness, goodness with knowledge, ⁶ knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with godliness, ⁷ godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being useless or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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⁹ The person who lacks these things is blind and shortsighted and has forgotten the cleansing from his past sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election, because if you do these things you will never stumble. ¹¹ For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

1. What is Healthy Faith?

*Simeon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ: To those who have received **a faith equal to ours** through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.*

- Healthy faith is not blemished; irregular; flawed
- Its object is Jesus, 1 Peter 1:1; 1 Cor. 3:10-11
- It is seen in our Works, Eph. 2:9-10; James 2:26
- It is fueled by the Word, Rom. 10:17; Matt. 7:24-29

2. How do we Supplement our Faith?

“For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with...” 2 Peter 1:5

- Make “*every effort...*”
 - Hunters understand this effort
 - Athletes apply this kind of effort
 - Gamers know about the effort required...
 - First time parents...
- Just as supplements help your physical health...
 - Where would your Faith be if...

2. How do we Supplement our Faith?

“...supplement your faith with...”

- Goodness – inwardly this Spirit inspired moral excellence that leads to outward action. Phil 2:12-13
- Knowledge – Presently we have “fragmented knowledge.” We can grow in knowledge through “thorough participation”. Phil. 3:10; 2 Tim. 2:15

¹⁸ *But grow in the grace and **knowledge** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. 2 Peter 3:18*

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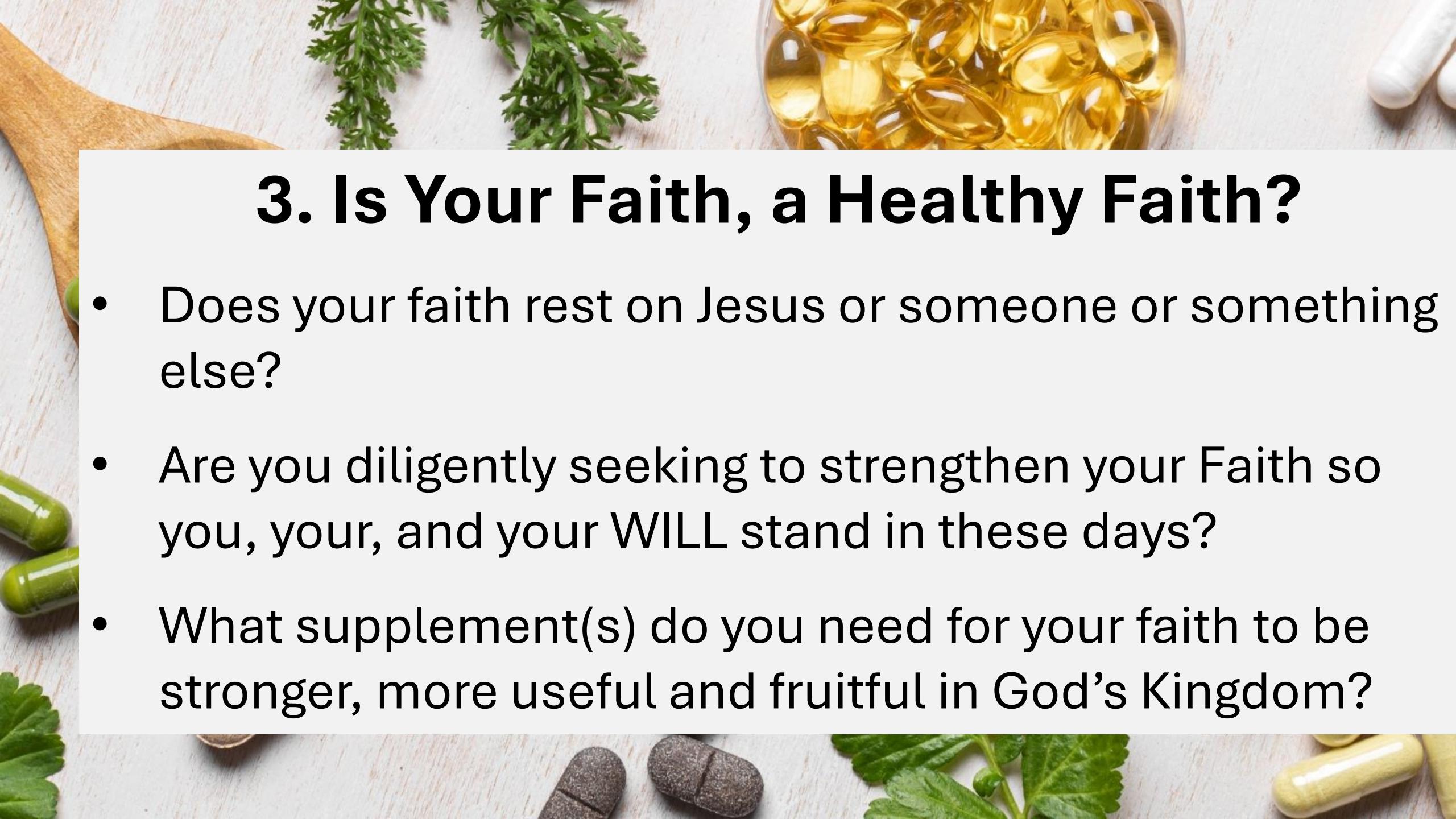
- Self-control – depend on the Spirit’s help to control your emotions, words, anger, desires, etc.
Gal. 5:16,22-25
- Endurance – patience, bearing up under bad things or circumstances.

“...you have heard of Job’s endurance...” James 5:11

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- Godliness – “piety toward God”; “well directed reverence, respect”
- Brotherly affection – family, kindness, friendship, Rom. 12:10; 1 Thes. 4:9; Heb. 13:1
- Love – God’s love and affection toward us. John 3:16; Gal. 5:22; 1 Cor. 13; Rom. 5:5



3. Is Your Faith, a Healthy Faith?

- Does your faith rest on Jesus or someone or something else?
- Are you diligently seeking to strengthen your Faith so you, your, and your WILL stand in these days?
- What supplement(s) do you need for your faith to be stronger, more useful and fruitful in God's Kingdom?