

## **What Do I Still Lack?-Christian Growth**

**Matthew 19:20** The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?"

**2 Peter 1:5-9** 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.

### **I. Do You Lack Faith?**

**Matthew 14:31** And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

**Mark 9:24** Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

**Hebrews 3:12** Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;

**Romans 10:17** So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

### **II. Do I Lack Virtue?**

**John 12:42-43** Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; **43 for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.**

**1 Corinthians 16:13-14** Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. **14** Let all that you do be done with love.

**Proverbs 28:1** The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion.

### **III. Do I Lack Knowledge?**

**Hosea 4:6** My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have ejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

**Romans 10:22** For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

**1 Peter 2:2** as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

#### **IV. Do I Lack Self-Control?**

**Proverbs 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.**

**James 1:19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;**

**1 Corinthians 9:27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.**

#### **V. Do I Lack Perseverance?**

**Hebrews 10:36 For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:**

**Galatians 6:9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.**

#### **VI. Do I Lack Godliness?**

**Hebrews 12:28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.**

**Proverbs 14:2 He who walks in his uprightness fears the LORD, But he who is perverse in his ways despises Him.**

#### **VII. Do I Lack Brotherly Kindness?**

**1 Peter 3:8 Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;**

**Romans 12:10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;**

#### **VIII. Do I Lack Love?**

**Colossians 3:14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.**

**1 Peter 4:8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins.**

**Philippians 1:9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment,**