

Keep Growing

2 PETER 1:1-15

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Childhood song...



Growth ...

- **DNA**
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- Perpetual

2 Peter 1:3-4

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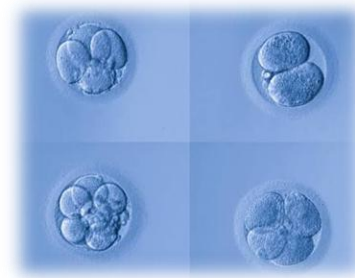
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Gifted, Given, bestowed on us...

DNA has the code



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Open invitation, a path unto...

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2 Peter 1:5-9

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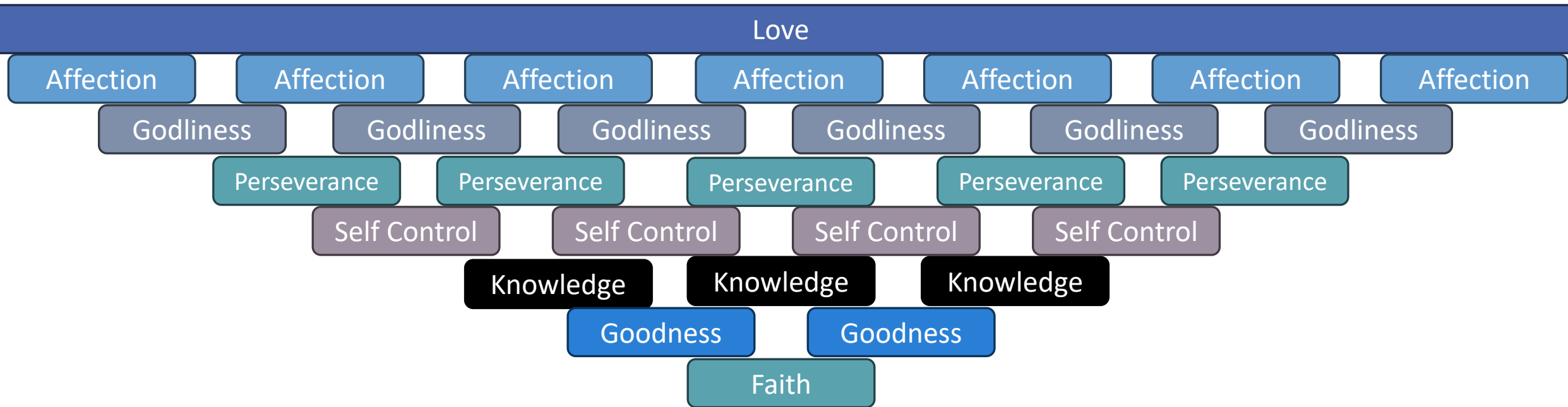
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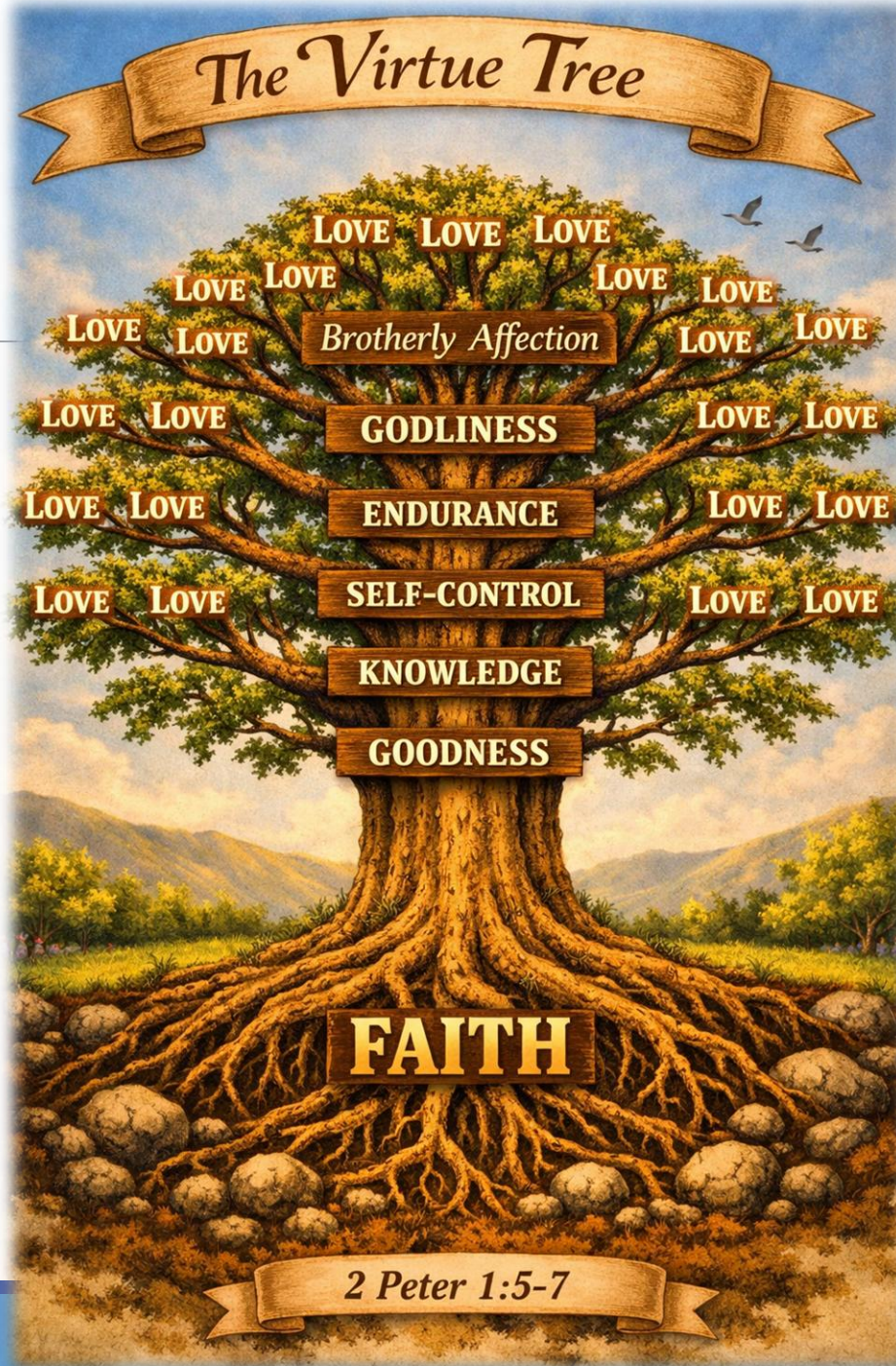
⁵⁻⁹ So don't lose a minute in building on what you've been given, complementing your basic faith with good character, spiritual understanding, alert discipline, passionate patience, reverent wonder, warm friendliness, and generous love, each dimension fitting into and developing the others. With these qualities active and growing in your lives, no grass will grow under your feet, no day will pass without its reward as you mature in your experience of our Master Jesus. Without these qualities you can't see what's right before you, oblivious that your old sinful life has been wiped off the books.

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See the building blocks? Complementing, adding, progression...

Building Blocks





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Head up moving forward...

Movement and Perspective.

- Active
 - Increasing
 - Growing
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- Head up future ahead
 - Not Feet or past focussed

2 Peter 1:10-11

¹⁰ Therefore, brothers and sisters, be eager to confirm your call and election. Do this and you will never ever be lost. ¹¹ In this way you will receive a rich welcome into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

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¹⁰⁻¹¹ So, friends, confirm God's invitation to you, his choice of you. Don't put it off; do it now. Do this, and you'll have your life on a firm footing, the streets paved and the way wide open into the eternal kingdom of our Master and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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You are invited, called, confirmed. Already on the Guest list.



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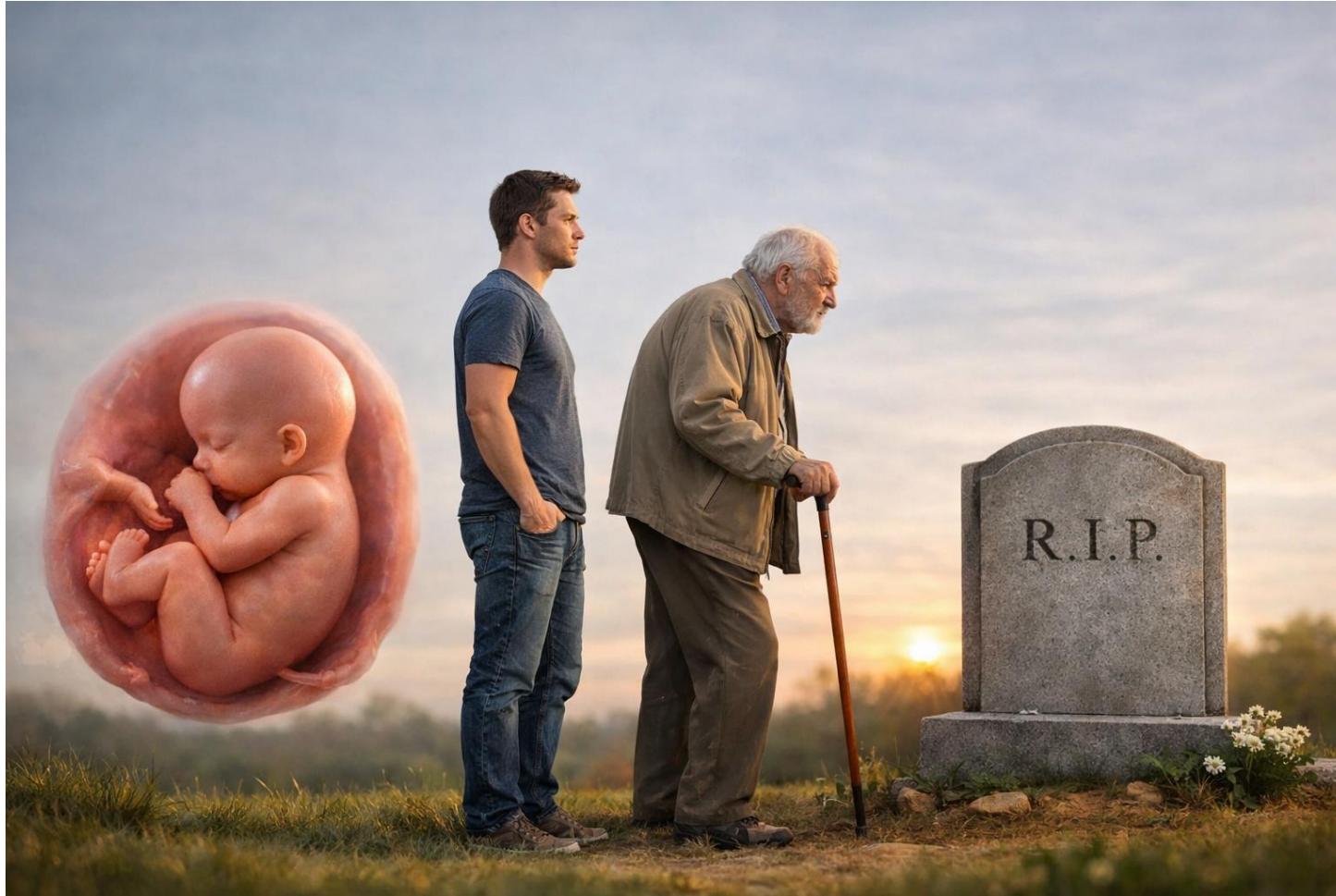
2 Peter 1:12-15

¹² So I'll keep reminding you about these things, although you already know them and stand secure in the truth you have. ¹³ I think it's right that I keep stirring up your memory, as long as I'm alive. ¹⁴ After all, our Lord Jesus Christ has shown me that I am about to depart from this life. ¹⁵ I'm eager for you always to remember these things after my death.

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¹²⁻¹⁵ Because the stakes are so high, even though you're up-to-date on all this truth and practice it inside and out, I'm not going to let up for a minute in calling you to attention before it. This is the post to which I've been assigned—keeping you alert with frequent reminders—and I'm sticking to it as long as I live. I know that I'm to die soon; the Master has made that quite clear to me. And so I am especially eager that you have all this down in black and white so that after I die, you'll have it for ready reference.

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