

West Valley Church of Christ – September 6, 2026

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Devotional: 6:00 p.m.

**MAKE EVERY EFFORT**

2 Peter 1:5, “For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge.” Peter goes on to list seven other things we are to add to our faith as we follow God’s growth plan. He says in v.8, “For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” When I was a boy, our home was flooded during a monsoon flash flood. After the water receded there was a terrible smell and my parents started shoveling the mud out of our house. It took time and to use Peter’s words we made “every effort” to go through the house room by room. We removed mud, some sheetrock, removed carpet, scrubbed the floors and walls, painted rooms, and installed new carpet. Our house was transformed and eventually it looked good and smelled fresh. If we had tried to get rid of the smell by buying air fresheners and Lysol, it would have been ineffective. Instead, we bought cleaning supplies and with effort that awful stench – disappeared. Our attempts to add to our faith are ineffective at times because we are not following God’s plan. Instead of dealing with our sin, we may in essence simply spray air freshener on that old corruption. Nothing productive will result from that approach. Let’s make every effort to add to our faith.

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