

Following in Peter's Footsteps Character Evaluation Chart

This chart was made from the apostle Peter's ideas in 2 Pet.1 vs. 5–7 to help you. This chart consists of these 8 items vertically below each other on the left side of your page. Behind each of these 8 items are 10 small columns to evaluate each trait. Mark with a plus checkmark where you rate yourself in regard to each character trait. One is low; ten is high.

<i>Evaluation #s</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Faith										
2. Goodness										
3. Knowledge										
4. Self-control										
5. Perseverance										
6. Godliness										
7. Brotherly kindness										
8. Love										

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Then ask your wife to write in her evaluation of your character traits. ((Your wife is not allowed to see your own evaluation)) After this drink tea together – open your own list and together compare your notes and discuss.

Mark the new results with a PLUS “+” on your sheet.

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How To Use Your Evaluation Tool

1. You analyze what your need is. Somebody is strong in faith and weak in love or some other thing like that. Evaluate each of the 8 ideas Peter gives you here and mark them down under one of the numbers. One is low; ten is high.
2. Be very careful to be honest, i.e. do not mark yourself too low. Genesis chapter 1 states that Jesus made everything good. "When He created you, He also made someone very good. Jesus did not make a mistake when He made you. Because of that, it is important to mark yourself down properly. If you say bad things about yourself, It is saying that Jesus didn't do a good job." It's belittling Jesus. This is something we must learn, to spiritually evaluate ourselves, our ministry, without pride or the other extreme of false humility.
3. Now take one of the neediest areas and mark it down on the Monthly Planner You have a whole month that you will concentrate on this particular characteristic. If you continually work on your weak traits like this for approximately eight months, you will see that your character will have changed greatly and you will be receiving more grace from God.
 - a) Every morning you ask your heavenly Father for an opportunity to practice this character trait. Perhaps it is godliness. You ask God to give you opportunity to practice Godliness that day.
 - b) Every evening mark your experience down on the Monthly Planner with one of the following: N = needs improvement; S. = Satisfactory; G = good; E = Excellent. You have four different choices. It is better to have four choices than three choices. If you have three choices they will be "Bad", "Normal" and "Good". What do you want to write down? "Normal." But if you have four choices, you can't do that. So you have to be a little more accurate.
 - c) At the end of the month show us your results.

At the end of the month you may wish to pray God give me another chance. I want to be a rounded out Christian. I would like to have the total character of Jesus." So, I will try it once more.
 - d) Each month select a new character trait from the list given here and follow the same procedure.

Keep On Developing

Now let's read verse 8.

Vs. 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."

Vs. 8 states that if you **keep on developing these qualities** in your life you will become effective and productive. If you keep on developing these qualities, you will become effective and productive in knowing Jesus in an intimate way. It is as clear as a bell. The Bible says that effectiveness and productivity are based upon continuously developing these qualities. So you can begin on a rather low level and God will bless, but for continued blessing you will need to continue developing these eight qualities in your character. The possibilities are endless! Just imagine how good you will be after 20 or 30 years? That is why the Bible talks about the saints and the elders.

I think a giant spiritual nugget is given to us in a verse 8. "Keep on developing these qualities." He doesn't say, "When you are a weak believer," or "when you are a new believer," or "until you receive the laying on of hands." He said, "Keep on developing these qualities and you will become effective and productive." It's wonderful. For the same amount of work, with the same number of years that you would otherwise minister, you can be more effective if you study these qualities. For the next twenty, thirty, forty or more years that you are going to minister you can be more effective by knowing Jesus more intimately. For the same amount of resources you will expend on all the activities in your lifetime, you can be more effective and more productive by continuing to study these qualities and growing in the knowledge of Jesus.