

# MODERN FAMILY

## **Becoming the Person on Your “Ideal Mate” List**

**2 Peter 1:3-9**

God has granted us His divine nature to experience and express His life.

God calls us to grow in the development of His nature.

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| Faith (Faithfulness) | <u>Loyal vs. Opportunist</u>                 |
| Goodness             | <u>Valuing Good vs. Bad</u>                  |
| Knowledge            | <u>Spiritual Insight vs. Apathy</u>          |
| Self-Control         | <u>Will Over Desire vs. Desire Over Will</u> |
| Perseverance         | <u>Sticking vs. Bailing</u>                  |
| Godliness            | <u>God’s Way vs. My Way</u>                  |
| Brotherly Kindness   | <u>Love vs. Apathy Toward People</u>         |
| Love                 | <u>Choosing Them vs. Me</u>                  |

### **WARNING:**

**A Decision to Coast is a Decision to Crash.**

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# My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) Have you ever made a list of your ideal mate? What did you include? Why do we tend to expect people to love us “as is,” while we expect others to grow and become better?
- 2) Read 2 Peter 1:5 & 8. Who does Peter say is responsible for our growth? How does this fit with God’s role in growing us? See Ephesians 2:8-10 & Philippians 2:12-13.
- 3) Look over the list of qualities given in 2 Peter 1:5-8. Pick one quality and share ways you can invest in your growth of that area.
- 4) Are you climbing or coasting right now? Have you already experienced a crash? How can your group help you get growing again?

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## Memory Verse

*“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. But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.”*

- 2 Peter 1:8-9