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**“Make Every Effort”**

Scripture: Psalm 139:23-24; Ephesians 4:21-24; 2 Peter 1:3-8

- I. Ephesians 4:21-24
  - A. Hello?
  - B. Put off the \_\_\_\_\_ that is being corrupted
    - 1. Requires being honest with yourself
    - 2. Reject and renounce what you know is wrong
    - 3. Romans 6:19
  - C. Be renewed in the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. Put on the new self
    - 1. Surrender
    - 2. Acknowledge inability to overcome sin in your own power
    - 3. Don't look for magical solutions.
    - 4. Take action
- II. 2 Peter 1:3-8
  - A. Putting on the new self is made possible because of God's presence within us.
  - B. “Make every effort” to add to your faith...
  - C. Develop godly qualities
    - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (*arete*)
    - 2. \_\_\_\_\_
    - 3. \_\_\_\_\_
    - 4. \_\_\_\_\_
    - 5. \_\_\_\_\_
    - 6. \_\_\_\_\_ (*philadelphia*)
    - 7. \_\_\_\_\_ (*agape*)
  - D. Change is possible for Christians.
  - E. Spiritual growth leads to more effective and fruitful Christian service.

**Conclusion**

- I. Application—The daily test of our commitment
- II. Listen and Cooperate
  - A. How has the Holy Spirit been speaking to you this morning?
  - B. What are your goals and priorities for your spiritual life this year?