"Not So Secret Sauce" Part 2

The essential ingredient of a meaningful, vibrant, Hope-filled life is to live connected to God and be connected to others

"For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. 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."

2 Peter 1:5-8

When you add <u>goodness</u> to your <u>faith</u> then you can <u>fulfill</u> the purpose for which <u>God</u> has made <u>YOU</u>

The next ingredient is **KNOWLEDGE**

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction"

Proverbs 1:7



- Our position before God
- And <u>His position</u> before us

Knowledge is within the scriptures

Second way to receive knowledge is through <u>Godly counsel</u>

"The chief purpose of life, for any of us, is to increase according to our capacity our knowledge of God by all means we have, and to be moved by it to praise and thanks." JRR Tolkien

Knowledge is information, but wisdom is transformation

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like." James 1:22-24



"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

James 1:5

Steps to Secure a foundation for life are:

- Intentional prayer
- Reading the <u>Bible</u> for <u>wisdom</u>
- Surrounding yourself with other believers
- Confession of sin
- Consistent Worship