Introduction:
A. “These Things” must be important.
   1. 4 times in 8 verses.
   2. Connected with important things.
B. “These Things” need to be studied and taught.
   1. We need to understand what “these things” are.
   2. We need to know what “these things” can do.

Discussion:
I. The Meaning Of “These Things.”
   A. “Add” = to blend together like parts of musical composition to make up whole.
   B. “Faith” = Belief or trust based on word of God. (Rom. 10:17; Gal. 5:6).
   E. “Temperance” (Self-control).
   F. “Patience” (Perseverance). Never give up, not apathy.
   G. “Godliness” = Reverence for God and Things pertaining to Him.
   H. “Brotherly kindness” = Doing good toward fellow Christians.
   I. “Charity” (Love) = General love toward all.

II. The Importance Of “These Things”.
   A. Because have great promises. (v. 4) - “for this very reason” (v. 5).
   B. Because we have escaped the world. (v. 4).
      1. Love not world. (1 John. 2:15)
      2. Not conformed to world. (Rom. 12:1,2).
   C. To make us fruitful in knowledge. (v. 8) - “abound”
   D. To keep us from falling. (v. 9-11).
   E. Because of their lasting value. (vs. 12-15).

III. The Teaching Of “These Things”.
   A. Need to be taught “always”. (v. 12).
   B. Need to be taught “stirringly” (v. 13)
   C. Need to be taught repetitiously. (v. 12-15).

Conclusion:
A. What are you doing with “these things”? 
B. What kind of faith do you have to which you will add these things?
   1. A dead faith? (Jas. 2:26).