

GROW IN
THE
GRACE &
KNOWLEDGE
OF
OUR **LORD**
& SAVIOUR
JESUS CHRIST

2 Peter 3:18

2 PETER
PAY CLOSE ATTENTION



2 P E T E R

2 Pet 1:8-15

Pay Close Attention



Series – 2 Peter

Author – Peter

Audience – ‘brothers & sisters of equal standing’

So Far

- Divine Power provided for all things pertaining to life & godliness
- Through the knowledge of Him
- We are partakers of His Divine Nature
- Therefore – make every effort to add to faith...
- not static but growing and increasing

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For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹ For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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¹² Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. ¹³ I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴ since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. ¹⁵ And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

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1. Don't Be Distracted

- easy to drift & become distracted
- a) possible to have barren & fruitless knowledge of Christ
 - you can have information with no effect on action
 - not a course you pass, badge you earn
- b) keep you from being...
 - ineffective
 - unfruitful

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- Matthew 7:17-20 “¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.”

c) Danger that Lurks

Outcomes of drift devastating

1. nearsightedness
2. blindness
3. forgetfulness

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2. Apply what you know & are learning

a) be diligent to...

- note the therefore here, due to the danger pay attention
- intentional and aware of, consistent

b) confirm your

- evidence that this is reality
- calling
 - adopted son's & daughters
 - forgiven, free from, sealed by
 - ambassadors, salt and light

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- known by our love
- participating

Eph. 2:10 “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

- election
 - God has revealed to you
 - You have responded
 - Granted a divine nature
 - chosen, adopted & given and inheritance

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c) so you don't fall

- Peter knows about failure – not fun
- giving important instruction, you won't drift, fall away, lose sight of, if you are intentional about practicing these in increasing measure
- eternity is in focus
 - clear – saved by grace through faith
 - not – earning your way to salvation
- living up to who you already are, living evidence of your reality

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3. Reminders Matter

- reminder is not an accusation
- not a 'shape up' but awareness of importance, driving lessons home
 - a) addressing the faithful
 - you know them – these lessons
 - established in the truth – track record
 - desire – 'stir you up'
 - b) intentional reminders
 - intend to always remind you
 - making every effort

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- insure – when I am no longer here to remind you, you won't forget
- c) Aware – My time is almost gone
 - shown by Jesus – end is here
 - share what is most important
 - legacy – this matters



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So What?

1. Message for Us Today

- have the truth
- important words to 'stir us up', bring action to our lives

2. Be Aware

- drift is real and dangerous
- knowledge without application dangerous
- can lose perspective and clarity



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So What?

3. Be Diligent

- divine nature yours
- divine power provided
- your participation important
 - make every effort
 - add to faith practice allowing God to bear fruit
 - reminders important, review often