

FINISHING YOUR FAITH

Lesson Four • 2Peter 1:8-11

The Results Of Growing In Godliness?

How can we know we are growing in godliness?

When you grow it will SHOW!

What does “these things” refer to?

The phrase “these things” refers to the QUALITIES of godliness we are to make every effort to grow in listed in 2Peter 1:5-7.

For if these things are yours and abound... 2Peter 1:8

For he who lacks these things... 2Peter 1:9

For if you do these things... 2Peter 1:10

The Results of Growing in Godliness:

I. If You POSSESS These Qualities In Abundance You Will Not Live A Wasted Life!

For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2Peter 1:8

The Link Between Godliness and Fruitfulness:

If you grow in godliness you will live a USEFUL and FRUITFUL life.

The Warning:

It's possible to make a start in the Christian life, but then to become indifferent in growing in godliness, and DRIFT toward a wasted life.

2. If You LACK These Qualities You Are Spiritually Blind!

For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. 2Peter 1:9

Spiritual Blindness in Two Directions:

- You have spiritual MYOPIA when you look to Christ's promises in the future.
- You have spiritual AMNESIA when you look to Christ's power in the past.

3. If You PRACTICE These Qualities You Will Have Confidence In Finishing Your Faith!

...for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2Peter 1:10-11

The Promise:

You will not FALL AWAY from your faith in Jesus Christ, and so will be welcomed into the eternal kingdom of Jesus Christ.

The Danger:

It is not the danger of slipping into the kingdom with no rewards; it is the danger of not being SAVED at all.

Therefore, Make Sure of Your Salvation!

How? By making every effort to GROW in godliness as you strive to finish your faith!

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure... 2Peter 1:10