

## 2 Peter 1:10, 11 Indispensable

### 1. Don't Forget the Supplies!

"Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith **supply** moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge,"  
2 Peter 1:5 NASB1995

#### A. The Supplements

Faith, Virtue, Knowledge, Self-control, Steadfastness, Godliness,  
Brotherly Affection, Love

#### B. Blindness and the Loss of Memory

"Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? You observe days and months and seasons and years! I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain."

Galatians 4:8-11 ESV

THEREFORE-

### 2. Make Sure 10

#### A. It Has to Be Our Top Priority

"**Do your best** to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."

2 Timothy 2:15 ESV

"**Do your best** to come to me soon." -2 Timothy 4:9 ESV

"**Do your best** to come before winter. Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brothers."

2 Timothy 4:21 ESV

"Let us therefore **strive** to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience." -Hebrews 4:11 ESV

#### B. Confirm

"Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be **reliable**, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will." -Hebrews 2:1-4 ESV

"Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we **hold** our original **confidence firm** to the end. As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." -Hebrews 3:12-15 ESV

#### C. Calling

"For consider your **calling**, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God." -1 Corinthians 1:26-29 ESV

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." -1 Peter 2:9-10 ESV

#### D. Election

The Lord to Ananias about Saul (Paul)

"But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a **chosen** instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel." Acts 9:15 ESV

“For we know, brothers loved by God, that **he has chosen you**, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.”-1 Thessalonians 1:4-5 ESV

### Seeing Is Believing

“For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.”

2 Peter 1:9 ESV

“What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened, as it is written, “God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear, down to this very day.” And David says, “Let their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them; let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see, and bend their backs forever.””

Romans 11:7-10 ESV

“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,” -2 Peter 1:3 ESV

“God sovereignly decreed that man should be free to exercise moral choice, and man from the beginning has fulfilled that decree by making his choice between good and evil. When he chooses to do evil, he does not thereby countervail the sovereign will of God but fulfills it, inasmuch as the eternal decree decided not which choice the man should make but that he should be free to make it. If in His absolute freedom God has willed to give man limited freedom, who is there to stay His hand or say, ‘What doest thou?’ Man’s will is free because God is sovereign. A God less than sovereign could not bestow moral freedom upon His creatures. He would be afraid to do so.” – A.W. Tozer, The Knowledge of the Holy

### 3. Promise Connected to Practice

A. IF You Practice

B. Two-Fold Promise

1. You will not fall (stumble)

“For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire!” -James 3:2-5 ESV

2. You will be granted entrance into the kingdom

““Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 7:21 ESV

“Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”” -John 3:3 ESV

*Reflection: Have you confirmed your calling and election today with Jesus? Which items on the list of qualities do you struggle with most? Give that to Jesus today?*

### ***Follow UP in the Word through the Week...***

**Monday:** 2 Peter 1:5-7. What do each of these look like when you practice them? How have you benefitted from other believers living these out toward you?

**Tuesday:** Hebrews 4:11. How does Hebrews use this word “strive” in the same way Peter uses confirm? How should we best define this human effort on our part?

**Wednesday:** 1 Corinthians 1:26-29. How does Paul speak of “calling” here? How should we be viewing our calling?

**Thursday:** 1 Peter 2:9, 10. Peter gives us an understanding of our calling and election. What are we called to? Who are we called to?

**Friday:** Matthew 7:21. Who enters the kingdom according to Jesus in this verse? How do you apply that to your life?

**Saturday:** John 3:3. Who can enter the kingdom according to what Jesus says in the verse? Are you in that group?