

2 Peter 1:12-15
Always Leave Them with the Truth

1. The Echo of Influential Voices 12

A. Future Tense

B. Qualities Again 5-10

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

C. Truth

“Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.” -Jude 1:3 ESV

“Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.”
Galatians 2:4-5 ESV

“But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, “If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?”” -Galatians 2:14 ESV

“You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? This persuasion is not from him who calls you.” -Galatians 5:7-8 ESV

“In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.” -Ephesians 1:13-14 ESV

“We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.” -Colossians 1:3-8 ESV

“When I hear that the Church of Christ has gone throughout the whole world carrying the torch of civilization, healing and giving hope and help, I conclude the Christian Church must be of God because she is acting the way God would act. When I hear that she has founded hospitals and insane asylums, I say surely she must be of God because that is what God would do, being what He is. When I hear that she has emancipated woman and has taken her from being a chattel slave and an object of some old king's lust to being the equal of man and queen in his home, I say surely that must be of God. You can go down the corridors of history, and you can adduce the proof of the divinity of the Church from what the Church has done.” AW Tozer, *How to Be Filled with the Holy Spirit*

“But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.” -2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 ESV

“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

“Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.” -James 1:18 ESV

“I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father.” -2 John 1:4 ESV

2. The Time in this Tent 13, 14

A. Using Tent for Body

“For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.”
2 Corinthians 5:1-5 ESV

B. The Time is Soon

“For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” -2 Timothy 4:6-7 ESV

C. Just As Jesus Said

“Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered him, “Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward.”” -John 13:36 ESV

“When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”” John 21:15-19 ESV

3. Until My Last Breath! 15

A. Make Every Effort

B. After My Departure

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV

“Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.” -1 Timothy 4:13 ESV

C. You May Be Able to Recall

Reflection: How much will people know the truth of the Gospel through your life?

Follow UP in the Word through the Week...

Monday: Galatians 2:14. What does a life that is “in step with the gospel of truth” look like?

Tuesday: Ephesians 1:13-14. How do you describe the “word of truth, the gospel of your salvation” as Paul puts it in these verses? How do the words “gospel” and “truth” relate?

Wednesday: Colossians 1:3-8. What is the result of the truth of the gospel going out? How does that change take root in the world around you?

Thursday: 2 Corinthians 5:1-5. What is Paul describing in these verses? How easy is it for you to talk about death and eternity with others?

Friday: 2 Timothy 4:6-7. What are the characteristics of Paul’s life as he sees it coming to an earthly end? What areas in your life can you allow the Lord to strengthen to find yourself saying these same things?

Saturday: 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What does Paul give as the value of the Scriptures? Where do they come from? How are you about to “recall” as Peter says in 2 Peter 2:15 the truth that is available in Scripture? What ways has helped you to know the Bible better and relate it to others?