

*Reflection: Would you commit to spending time in the Bible every day this year? What areas of your life is the Holy Spirit leading you to grow in 2026?*

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

**Monday:** 1 Peter 1:18-19. How would you explain to someone what Peter means by being without spot or blemish? How important does he want this to be in a believer's life?

**Tuesday:** 2 Peter 3:9. Peter mentions the patience of God twice in chapter 3. What explanation does he give to it in verse 9?

**Wednesday:** Romans 15:15-16. What does Paul dispense by the "grace given" to him? How would we relate this to the source of authority he is appealing to in order to make his point?

**Thursday:** Romans 13:11-14. What is the circumstance that Paul is speaking of here? What lifestyle difference would you describe is to be there for the follower of Jesus?

**Friday:** 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What is the purpose of Scripture according to these two verses? How does that square with your life today?

**Saturday:** 2 Peter 1:5-8. Where have you seen growth in 2025 and what are you trusting the Lord for in 2026?

**This Is the Year**

**1. What are you waiting for 14**

A. A New Heaven and a New Earth

"But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." -2 Peter 3:13 ESV

B. Without Spot or Blemish

"knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot."  
1 Peter 1:18-19 ESV

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."  
Jude 1:24-25 ESV

"If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer a male without blemish. He shall bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before the Lord." -Leviticus 1:3 ESV

"For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God." -Hebrews 9:13-14 ESV

C. At peace

"at peace with God," in the state of reconciliation with God which is Christian salvation. Our author, like most early Christian writers, expects his readers to be alive when the Lord comes." -Dr. Richard Bauckham

**2. Stability in the Scriptures 15-17**

A. Patience of Our Lord

"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." -2 Peter 3:9 ESV

## B. Beloved Brother Paul

True corporate affection for Paul

“Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days.” -Galatians 1:18 ESV

“On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel to the circumcised (for he who worked through Peter for his apostolic ministry to the circumcised worked also through me for mine to the Gentiles), and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.” -Galatians 2:7-9 ESV

A common coworker

“By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it.” -1 Peter 5:12 ESV

## C. Wisdom

“For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.” -Romans 12:3 ESV

“But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:15-16 ESV

## D. Living a Life of Consistent Witness

“Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus

Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.” Romans 13:11-14 ESV

## E. Twisted Scriptures

-all his letters

-hard to understand (Peter is saying this!)

- people twist them to suit their teaching or lifestyle

-The other Scriptures!

- Peter gives authority to Paul's writings at a very early stage.

“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

“The best way to understand Scripture is to read Scripture” Joel Green

## F. Do Not Get Carried Away

“for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.” -1 Peter 1:24-25 ESV

## 3. Grow in Grace and Knowledge 18

### A. Centered in Jesus

“For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 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.” -2 Peter 1:5-8 ESV

### B. Give Jesus Glory