

GROWING ⁱⁿ GRACE GUARDED ^{by} TRUTH

Study in 2 Peter



Sermon Title: “Yeah... It’s that Important!”

Scripture Title: 2 Peter 1:12-15

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INTRODUCTION

2 Peter 1:12-15 and 2 Peter 3:1

Note: God is fully aware of our propensity to forget, and so His Word forever stands as a beacon of light, calling us to remember, calling us to “build our lives” on what is most important!

Joshua 4:6b-7 and Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Note: Verses 12-15 don’t contain any direct commands to us, but that doesn’t mean that we can be passive in response to this passage. There are MANY POINTS of application that subtly and not-so-subtly arise from this text!

I. PARTICULAR PASSION... CONFIDENT POSSESSION... HOPEFUL URGENCY...

1) PARTICULAR PASSION: Waste no time recalling your position and privileges in Christ!

“Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities...” (2 Peter 1:12a)

Immediate Point of Application: You should memorize 2 Peter 1:3-11.

Note: Verses 3-4 REMIND us of Jesus’ sufficiency and our complete standing in Him!

Note: Verses 5-7 CHALLENGE us to grow, to continually supplement our faith!

Note: Verses 8-11 ENCOURAGE and REFRESH our souls for the journey ahead!

2 Peter 1:8-12a

2) CONFIDENT POSSESSION: God's people are already established in the truth!

*"Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, **THOUGH YOU KNOW THEM and ARE ESTABLISHED in the TRUTH that you have.**" (2 Peter 1:12)*

*"...**THE FAITH that was once for all delivered to the saints.**" (Jude 3b)*

3) HOPE-FILLED URGENCY: Life is brief and glory is coming!

"I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things." (2 Peter 1:13-15)

Note: Peter describes his body as a disposable tent, and the word Peter uses translated as "departure" is the word "exodus".

*"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..." (2 Corinthians 5:1-2)*

THE QUESTION...

THE SUGGESTION...

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. Do you agree with the statement that "we are a forgetful people"? Why or why not?
2. What were some of the goals that Peter had for his life and ministry in verses 12-15?
3. What specifically does Peter want us to remember and recall continually?
4. Would you be willing to memorize 2 Peter 1:3-11?
5. How does Peter view his life and body? How does he talk about his coming death?
6. How can you help others remember this wonderful and important truth?