



Tireless Diligence - 2 Peter 1:3-12

Becoming Useful and Fruitful through the Knowledge of God

I. Sufficiency of Scripture (2 Peter 1:3-4)

Growing in our knowledge of God

1. God's divine power (v. 3a)
2. Everything for life and godliness (v. 3b)
3. Recipients of eternal life (v. 4)

II. Supplements in Sanctification (2 Peter 1:5-7)

A response to God's divine power in our lives

1. Moral Excellence(v. 5a)
2. Knowledge (v. 5b)
3. Self-Control (v. 6a)
4. Perseverance (v. 6b)
5. Godliness (v. 6c)
6. Brotherly Kindness (v. 7a)
7. Love (v. 7b)

III. Signs of a Significant Servant (2 Peter 1:8-9)

An honest evaluation of our faithfulness

1. Not useless (v. 8a)
2. Not fruitless (v. 8b)
3. Not blind (v. 9a)
4. Not forgetful (v. 9b)

IV. Strengthened in the Truth (2 Peter 1:10-12)

A consistent reminder toward diligence

1. Diligence requires practice (v. 10a)
2. Practice produces stability (v. 10b)
3. Stability provides evidence and assurance of eternal life (v. 11)
4. Eagerly recount God's sufficient truth (v. 12)

So What?

"For if these things are yours and are increasing, **they render you neither useless nor unfruitful** in the full knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:8)



Questions: Becoming Useful and Fruitful through the Knowledge of God

- v.3) What has God's "divine power" granted to believers, and how is this received? Consider and discuss the implications of the authority of God and the sufficiency of what God granted believers.
- v.3) How does the fact that God has "granted" these abundant resources change the way we should view our responsibility to obey Scripture? Can a Christian legitimately claim that their moral failures are due to God's limited provision?
- v.5) Peter urges believers to apply "all diligence" to their faith. Why do you think he emphasizes such effort when God has already given us everything we need?
- v.6,-7) Looking at the chain of qualities (moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, love), which one do you find most challenging to "supply" or cultivate right now, and why?
- v.8) What does it look like practically for these qualities to be "yours and increasing"? How can someone tell if they're growing in this way?
- v.8) If these listed qualities (v.6-7) are yours and increasing, how does this make us neither "useless nor unfruitful" in knowing Christ? What kinds of "fruit" do you think Peter has in mind here?
- v.9) How does the warning of being "blind or short-sighted" and forgetting purification from former sins challenge or convict you? What might cause a believer to become spiritually nearsighted?
- v.12) Why do you think Peter says he will "always be ready to remind" believers of these truths? How important are repeated reminders of foundational truths in the Christian life? Have you experienced seasons where you needed to be reminded of things you already "knew"?
- 3-12) Considering the whole flow, what one action from this passage will you put into practice this week, and how might it change the way you live?