



MAIN SCRIPTURES

- II Peter 1:9-12
- Romans 6-8
- 1 John 5

THE 1 THING

- Non-Negotiables
- Critical Negligence
- Diligent Reminders

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES:

“For he who **lacks these things** is blind, **seeing only what is near**, having **forgotten the cleansing from his old sins.**” 2 Peter 1:9

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“**If you, Yah, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness** with you, therefore you are feared.” Psalms

130:3-4 WEBUS

“**As far as the east is from the west**, so far has he **removed our transgressions from us.**” Psalms 103:12 WEBUS

“**He who sins is of the devil**, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. **To this end the Son of God was revealed: that he might destroy the works of the devil.**” 1 John 3:8 WEBUS

“We know that **whoever is born of God doesn't sin**, but he who was born of God keeps himself, and the evil one doesn't touch him.” 1 John 5:18 WEBUS

“For he who has died has been **freed from sin**. {12} Therefore **don’t let sin reign in your mortal body**, that you should obey it in its lusts.” Romans 6:7, 12 WEBUS

“This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that **you no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles also walk**, in the futility of their mind,” Ephesians 4:17 WEBUS

INTRODUCTION: The 1 Thing

For this very reason be diligent to add these things to your faith, these many things and for so many reasons—promises really. If these things, these many things, are yours and abound, the fruit in your earthly life and your spiritual life will be abundant. If you do these many things you will never stumble. Could there be a more encouraging promise?

And the man who fails to do these things, these many things, he is like a man who can’t see anything past what is right in front of him. It’s almost like he is nearly blind, but in this case it is not the function of his eyes that is in question. In other words, it’s not his physical sight that is distorted, but the absence of his prophetic vision that has blinded him, his inability to grasp the magnitude of what God has promised.

And yet, with all these many things in focus, there remains just one thing that will ruin a man’s opportunity to attain to God’s

upward call in Christ. And if there is just one thing that will ruin the whole thing, I will not be negligent to remind you of these many things, but more importantly that one thing.

NON-NEGOTIABLES

1. Stewardship of Faith

A. Add to your faith.... practice!

(1) P.R.A.C.T.I.C.E.

(a) **P**ersistent **R**epetition **A**ccelerates **C**haracter
Transformation **I**mpacting **C**hristian **E**thos

1. Ethos: the characteristic spirit of a culture, era, or community as manifested in its beliefs and aspirations

a) Practice {synonymous}: For our purposes...

1) Discipleship, Character, Development, Work, Maturity, Advancement, Leadership, Lifestyle, Witness, Influence

(b) You've received a gift... (See [Faith Like Mine](#))

1. "Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ **have received a faith** as precious as ours:" 2 Peter 1:1 NIV

(c) Minister as faithful stewards!

1. “As **each has received a gift, employ it [minister it]** in serving one another, as good **managers [stewards]** of the **grace** of God in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

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(d) For this very reason...

1. “But also **for this very reason**, giving all diligence, **add to your faith...**” II Peter 1:5 NKJV

B. The FOUNDATION plus SEVEN life-altering things...

(1) Faith: The Foundation of Everything

(a) Two Types of Faith (saving faith and living faith): the faith you received as a gift must be a the faith you put into practice! (See [Faith Like Mine](#))

1. **THE GIFT:** You have received a gift...
2. **THE PRACTICE:** For this very reason—use that gift...

(b) Seven critical things to your faith add...

1. “Yes, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply **moral excellence [virtue]**; and in moral excellence, **knowledge**; and in knowledge, **self-control**; and in self-control, **perseverance**; and in perseverance, **godliness**; and in godliness, **brotherly affection**; and in brotherly affection, **love.**” 2 Peter 1:5-7 WEBUS

(2) **(#’s 1-4) The Cycle of Life:**

- (a) Every decision, every conflict, and every problem should be filtered through the process of these first four steps—every day!
1. **#1 Virtue:** moral excellence is the first thing to follow faith and must precede all others, or your coordinates will ALWAYS be off target!
 - a) Virtue: morally excellent to God—truth that never changes. To build upon our faith we must always first consider:
 - 1) What is right to God in this situation?
 - 2) What does Yahweh think about this?
 - 3) What is God’s heart on this matter?
 - b) To know what God wants us to do we must tap into the heart of God. Fortunately, we have been...
 - 1) Prepared...to do so!
 - 2) Enabled...to do so!
 - 3) Commissioned...to do so!
 - 4) Programmed...to do so!
 - 5) Obligated...to do so!
 - c) It is critical that we start with knowing what is right in God’s eyes before we attempt to add our own knowledge.

2. # 2 **Knowledge**: the additional information you need to gather in order to act wisely!
- a) To do what is right in God's eyes we must fill in the knowledge gap.
 - 1) What am I missing?
 - 2) What do I need to know before I act?
 - b) If you add knowledge before you are aiming in the right direction, **YOU WILL ALWAYS MISS THE TARGET.**
 - c) With the deep revelation and knowledge of God, you can then seek all the information necessary to make wise choices and to take wise action.
 - d) To make wise choices: **(All equally important!)**
 - 1) Do Research
 - 2) Study Hard
 - 3) Seek Wise Counsel
 - 4) Be in Prayer
 - 5) Be Relentless
 - 6) Keep on Asking
 - 7) Trust but Verify
 - 8) Be Patient
 - 9) Receive without Doubt
 - a. *"I believe. Help my unbelief!"* Mark 9:24

- 10) Ask with Purity
 - 11) Make it a Priority
 - 12) Agree with God's Word
- e) Even after the necessary knowledge has been attained, there is still room for...
- 1) **Challenges**: difficulties taking the next step
 - 2) **Lust**: the desires for the things of the world
 - 3) **Temptations**: pulling you in the wrong direction
 - 4) **Expedience**: the wide road of less resistance
 - 5) **Outside Influence**: the way of the majority
 - 6) **Confusion**: negative self-talk and doubt
 - 7) **Procrastination**: to do nothing or do things that are not necessary
 - 8) **Distractions**: opportunities to lose focus
 - 9) **Poor use of Time**: opportunities to waste time
 - 10) **Chasing Mammon**: wealth regarded as an evil influence, or false object of worship / devotion.
- f) That is why it takes self-control next to act wisely.
- 1) Once you see the target and you know all you need to do to hit that target, it takes energy and effort to move in that direction!
3. # 3 **Self-control**: to act wisely and not by your first impulses and desires! Wisdom is the godly

application of knowledge and understanding (See: [The Call of Wisdom](#) & [The Value of Wisdom](#))

- a) Once you know what God wants you to do and you have filled in the knowledge gap and gained all the needed information to act wisely, you must demonstrate the self-control to do it.
- b) The action of self-control has **two arms**:
 - 1) One is to **act** on what God has directed
 - 2) The other is to **be on constant guard** that your actions stay in alignment with Virtue (#1) and Knowledge (#2).
- c) At times... it can be desirable to default to what appears easier (expedience), as it oftentimes becomes tiring to pursue the call of God.
 - 1) Even in the little things, you must be on alert that you are staying the course that God has laid out for you.
- d) Expedience: to do what is convenient and practical although possibly improper and immoral.
 - 1) Easier, takes less effort, gets the quick flesh-satisfying results, and leaves plenty of energy to fill your life with more stuff that satisfies your craven desires.

- 2) The temptation to go the way of expedience will always be lurking in the background, so be on guard.
- e) Self-control has **two components...**
 - 1) **To do:** once you know what to do and how to do it, you must do it.
 - 2) **To not do:** you must also recognize when God says, "Don't!" Know what not to do and then don't do those things.
- f) Telling yourself no, when yes is so tempting; and telling yourself yes, when no would be so much more convenient, is to live a life of self-control.
- g) Self-governance and self-mastery are regular practices for disciples of Christ.
 - 1) Don't consider this merely from a personal improvement self-help position.
 - 2) Think instead about dying to the flesh because you are filled with the Spirit!
 - 3) Knowing the right thing to do hardly ever translates into doing the right thing, unless you are a regular practitioner of self-control.
- h) Yet, there is oftentimes this lingering dilemma.

- 1) You are doing what is right in God's eyes, but it just does not seem to be working as expected and it's not getting any easier!
 - i) How long should you stick with it?
 - 1) Answer: as long as it takes, or FOREVER!
 - 2) It's never the wrong time to do the right thing and it's never the right time to stop doing the right thing.
 - j) That is why Peter teaches us that after self-control, perseverance comes next!
4. **#4 Perseverance:** Doing what is right, no matter how hard, or how long it takes, or what the cost!
- a) Suffering: Challenges and difficulties are part of the process. If Y'shua suffered, why not us?
 - b) That is where perseverance shines! No matter how long or what the challenges, stay the course!
 - c) Perseverance is PERMANENT SELF-CONTROL.
 - 1) You know what is right from God!
 - 2) You know what to do, how to do it, and you do it, or conversely what not to do and don't!
 - 3) You discipline yourself from straying off course, but it still won't happen!

- 4) The fruit is elusive; the breakthrough absent;
and hope starts to fade!
- d) Don't ever surrender! Don't give up! That is what perseverance looks like: permanent, relentless, never-ending self control.
- e) Tenacious Perseverance: *"I won't let you go unless you bless me."*
- f) Seven things to consider as you persevere.
Sometimes...
 - 1) ...things just take more time than expected.
 - 2) ...the desired outcome is delayed because you are being tested.
 - 3) ...the desired outcome is delayed because you are being disciplined.
 - 4) ...your actions are meant to be permanent.
 - 5) ...you need to reevaluate your actions.
 - 6) ...you've made a mistake. You must be humble enough to admit it and reevaluate all steps.
 - 7) ...you've come to the end because the job is complete; it's just not exactly what you expected.
- g) If you must, go back to beginning. Start with Virtue (#1). Maybe that was not God's voice you heard;

maybe you are still lacking some critical piece of information; maybe you took a misstep when you began to act; maybe your timing was off, etc.

h) Humility: it takes humility to consider you may have been wrong!

(3) (**#'s 5-7) The Outcome:**

(a) When you have become a serious disciple, one who practices (#'s 1-4) faithfully, these are the results!

5. **# 5 Godliness:** holistic integrity!

a) Think of integrity as a structural engineering term.

1) When materials are used for why they were created—in alignment with their natural design characteristics, they are in integrity!

b) Godliness is holistic integrity.

1) Your spirit, soul and body are all in complete alignment with what they were designed for by their Creator.

2) There is no loss of strength or function in any area—thereby we are godly when living with holistic integrity.

3) Another way of describing holistic integrity is when your entire life has come into alignment with God's will.

- c) Holistic integrity must be practiced: it will not come easily, but it is certainly how all Christians are called to live.
 - 1) We must exercise godliness.
 - 2) Godliness is not perfection in every area of life, but rather the pursuit of perfection.
 - 3) If it was perfection it would be # 7 {Love} and not # 5 in Peter's discipleship model.
 - 4) Because... "**Godliness with contentment is great gain.**" 1 Timothy 6:6
 - a. We can and should find complete satisfaction in the pursuit of the things of God, even in the midst of challenges we face and the mistakes we make along the way, and the weaknesses that manifest in our characters.
 - b. God is good with the process it takes to remedy our sinful errors as long as we don't feel good making those sinful errors!
 - d) Our desire to align every area of our lives with the will of God makes us perfect candidates to pour our lives and all this goodness onto others—we can become a source of God's grace.
 - e) That is why the way we treat others is next.

6. # **6 Brotherly Affection:** It's simple, but not easy; prefer others and the needs of others over yourself and your own needs!
- a) A serious disciple of Christ has so many good things pouring into his life, but why? What for?
 - 1) Christian Alert! It's not about you!
 - 2) Everything Christ did was for us, not Himself.
 - 3) For others: the model of how we should live!
 - b) It's a reminder of how Y'shua was careful to refer to two areas of scripture when asked about the greatest commandment. (Mat. 22:36).
 - 1) Love God! (Deuteronomy 6:4-7)
 - 2) Love your neighbor! (Leviticus 19:17-18)
 - c) In Leviticus, we also learn HOW to love others...
 - 1) Don't stand by and watch your neighbor sin and say NOTHING.
 - 2) Instead, rebuke him and don't tolerate his sins.
 - 3) That is brotherly love at its best!
 - 4) Critical Stipulation: You will not be ready to correct others until your obedience is complete.
 - 5) Become the righteousness of God before we can represent that for others.
 - d) Prefer others: swap me first for others first.

- e) How? Acknowledge you no longer own your life!
 - f) When you know the heart of God; know what and how to do what He calls you to do; have the self-control and self-discipline to do what God has called you to do and refrain from what He calls you to say no to; no matter how long it takes or how hard it is; and you have become resolute to never give up; and you live your life in perfect alignment with God's will in all facets of life, spirit, soul and body; and have arrived at the place where you can, with all honesty say, "My life is not my own; it's all about others;" you are ready to tap the Divine Nature—LOVE!
 - g) That is when God can use you as if you are literally speaking for Him!
7. **# 7 Love:** God is love; it is His divine nature. And there is no fear in love; perfect love casts out fear. Love is the bond of perfection.
- a) Peter tells us that we have the right to participate in the Divine Nature.
 - 1) We can experience God in us.
 - 2) We can tap the mind of God—think like God.
 - 3) WE CAN LOVE LIKE GOD!

- b) Love is the pinnacle of the discipleship model, the goal of the path to the divine nature.
 - 1) It is the expression of the full stature and image of Christ, which is the ultimate goal and mandate for the existence of the Church.
- c) God's divine nature is love. And love is a many faceted diamond. Love is not an emotion or feeling. It is a willful, on purpose decision.
- d) Love's all encompassing, uncompromisable description is best elaborated in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. If all attributes are not at work simultaneously, then it is not love.
 - 1) *[Paraphrase]* "Love is the standard by which every thought and action is measured. It is manifested altogether and simultaneously as patience, kindness, admiration, trust, modesty, humility, and meekness. It is gracious, polite, altruistic, peaceful, soothing, virtuous, joyful, righteous, and truthful. It displays fierce loyalty; believes, hopes, and endures all things; and always succeeds and thrives, no matter what. It will never fail you!"
 - 2) Of faith, hope, and love—the greatest is love.

CRITICAL NEGLIGENCE

2. The Root Cause

A. THE MOST CRITICAL TEACHING IN THE BIBLE IF YOU WISH TO DEVELOP INTO A MATURE DISCIPLE!

- (1) Life-Altering Negligence: the ONE thing that could shipwreck everything!
 - (a) First: the one who lacks these things is ignorant!
 1. “For he who **lacks these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins.**” 2 Peter 1:9 WEBUS
 - a) Lacks what things? The P.R.A.C.T.I.C.E. of adding...
 - 1) **{#0 FAITH}** is the foundational gift from God that came by way of God’s grace. Faith must be practiced to gain continual access to that grace and that is done by adding to your faith these things:
 - 2) **{#1 VIRTUE}** Seek the Lord’s will before all else and then fill in the information needed in order to act with wisdom.
 - 3) **{#2 KNOWLEDGE}** Gain all the information that is missing before you act. Once you have the knowledge necessary, take wise and decisive action.

- 4) **{#3 SELF-CONTROL}** is to take wise action while being aware that, at times, it is God's will that you refrain from taking action. Recognize that along the way there will be challenges and temptations levied at you to test you, misdirect you, or humble you. Nevertheless, you must stay the course to fulfill God's desires and that takes...
- 5) **{#4 PERSEVERANCE}** Unless you have humbly come to the conclusion that you have made an error that must be corrected before you can continue, never give up—demonstrate permanent self-control! Under conditions where you might have made an error, it is wise to retrace your steps to find your mistake. It is best to reconsider if you missed God's voice first, and then proceed forward from there. This discipleship process must be applied to every area of life. Doing so is the very definition of...
- 6) **{#5 GODLINESS}** It's okay to be imperfect as you progress, as long as you continually pursue God's will and make the appropriate corrections. That is what it means to live life in

the pursuit of godliness. And that is how a disciple becomes an effective minister of God's grace as he gladly places others as a priority over himself, the very definition of...

- 7) **{#6 BROTHERLY AFFECTION}** A life poured out on others in all areas of life. The high calling is to do this at all times and for all others. That is what a man who is emulating the love of God looks like. It is the very nature of Christ, which is indeed the bond of perfection. Only one thing can sum up this perfection perfectly.
- 8) **{#7 LOVE}** This entire process must be sought after and applied diligently, if one is to experience the fullness of God precious and exceedingly great promises, of which there are many, none greater than participation in God's Divine nature. God is love!

2. If it is so critical, what would prevent or hinder you from happily participating in this P.R.A.C.T.I.C.E.?
 - a) *"He who lacks these things is blind."* Anyone who lives on a watered-down version of God's word will never gain the necessary experience it takes to develop into a mature Christian adult. For that to

occur, it takes reasoning through and application of the scriptures.

1) *“For **although by this time you should be teachers, you again need to have someone teach you the rudiments** of the first principles of the revelations of God. **You have come to need milk, and not solid food.** For everyone who lives on milk is not experienced in the word of righteousness, for he is a baby. But solid food is for those who are full grown, who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern good and evil.”* Hebrews 5:12-14 WEBUS

2) *“Therefore **leaving the teaching of the first principles** of Christ, **let’s press on to perfection [mature Christian adulthood]**—not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works, of faith toward God, of the teaching of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. **This will we do, if God permits.**”* Hebrews 6:1-3 WEBUS

b) God does permit it, so take off your blinders!

(2) Prophetic Blindness: eyes blinded from prophetic reality

(a) Seeing only what is near...

1. “For he who **lacks these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins.**” 2 Peter 1:9 WEBUS
 - a) One who is looking only at what is right in front of him and cannot see with prophetic eyes... It’s not his physical sight that is distorted, but the absence of his prophetic vision that has blinded him, his inability to grasp the magnitude of what God has promised.
 - 1) “*The **hearing ear**, and the **seeing eye**, Yahweh has made even both of them.*” Proverbs 20:12
WEBUS
 - b) Open your eyes!
 - 1) “***Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. Many prophets and righteous men desired to see the things which you see, and didn’t see them; and to hear the things which you hear, and didn’t hear them.***”
Matthew 13:16-17 & Luke 10:23-24
 - c) Don’t kill the prophetic like has been done repeatedly in that past and is being done presently in the church!

1) *“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who **kills the prophets** and stones those who are sent to her!...”*

Matthew 23:37

d) Note: the church is built on **three branches** of governance, and one of those is the prophetic. Yet, the modern church is run almost exclusively by the pastorate and priesthood, and that creates a dangerous imbalance!

1) *“being built on the foundation of the **apostles** and **prophets**, Christ Jesus himself being the **chief cornerstone**;”* Ephesians 2:20 WEBUS

2) Three Branches of Government (Separation of Powers).

1) Chief Cornerstone: the king, executive

2) Apostles: the priest/pastor, legislative

3) Prophets: the prophet, judicial

(3) If you had prophetic eyes, what would you be seeing?

(a) The Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven

1. “He answered them, **“To you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven, but it is not given to them.** For whoever has, to him will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever doesn’t have, from him will be taken away even that which

he has. Therefore I speak to them in parables,
because seeing they don't see, and hearing, they don't hear, neither do they understand. In them the prophecy of Isaiah [Is. 6:9-10] is fulfilled, which says, **'By hearing you will hear, and will in no way understand; Seeing you will see, and will in no way perceive;** for this people's heart has grown callous, **their ears are dull of hearing, and they have closed their eyes; or else perhaps they might perceive with their eyes, hear with their ears,** understand with their heart, and would turn again, and I would heal them.'
"But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. For most certainly I tell you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see the things which you see, and didn't see them; and to hear the things which you hear, and didn't hear them." Matthew 13:11-17 WEBUS

- a) *"Blessed are the eyes which see the things that you see.."* Some won't be able to see; some will!
- 1) Which are you? If you are from the camp that sees, what are the mysteries?

- a. If you are not blinded, you would see that there are two Gospels to preach—the Gospel of Salvation and the Gospel of the Kingdom.
- (b) Hidden things revealed by the Son of God
 1. “In that same hour, Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit, and said, **“I thank you, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding, and revealed them to little children.** Yes, Father, for so it was well-pleasing in your sight.” Turning to the disciples, he said, “All things have been delivered to me by my Father. **No one knows who the Son is, except the Father, and who the Father is, except the Son, and he to whomever the Son desires to reveal him.**” Turning to the disciples, he said privately, **“Blessed are the eyes which see the things that you see, for I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see the things which you see, and didn’t see them, and to hear the things which you hear, and didn’t hear them.”**” Luke 10:21-24 WEBUS
 - a) *“Blessed are the eyes which see the things that you see..”* Hidden from some; revealed to others!

- 1) Which are you? If you are from the camp that sees, what is being revealed?
 - a. If you are not blinded, you would see that you are entitled to know the deep things of God by gaining access to the mind of Christ.
 - b. *“But to us, God revealed them through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, **the deep things of God.** {16} “For who has known the mind of the Lord that he should instruct him?” But **we have Christ’s mind.**”*

1 Corinthians 2:10, 16 WEBUS

(c) If you are in Christ, your blindness was removed!

1. “Having therefore such a hope, we use great boldness of speech, and not as Moses, who put a veil on his face so that the children of Israel wouldn’t look steadfastly on the end of that which was passing away. But their minds were hardened, for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains, because in Christ it passes away. **But to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.** Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. **But we**

all, with unveiled face seeing the glory of the Lord as in a mirror, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord, the Spirit.” 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 WEBUS

a) *“Blessed are the eyes which see the things that you see..”* What should you see with an unveiled face?

1) Which are you? If you are from the camp that sees, what do you see in the mirror?

a. If you are not blinded, you should look in the mirror and see the image of Christ!

b) What does the process of glory to glory look like? It look like P.R.A.C.T.I.C.E.

1) *“Yes, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence; and in moral excellence, knowledge; and in knowledge, self-control; and in self-control, perseverance; and in perseverance, godliness; and in godliness, brotherly affection; and in brotherly affection, **love [the same image as the Lord].”** 2 Peter 1:5-7 WEBUS*

(4) Cause of Blindness: living in the past prevents you from seeing in the future!

- (a) Forgetting you've been cleansed from your past sins...
 - 1. "For he who **lacks these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins.**" 2 Peter 1:9 WEBUS
 - a) There is ONE THING that will ruin the process, stop you from progressing, and may even stop you from starting.
 - b) This may be the most important thing you will EVER LEARN as a Christian regarding the discipleship process.
 - c) If you forget you were ALREADY cleansed from your past sins, you will not pursue... Adding to your faith: Virtue, Knowledge, Self-control, Perseverance, Godliness, Brotherly Kindness, Love.
 - d) If that happens, the fullness of God's promises go out the window; your participation in the divine nature, gone!
 - (b) Why is forgetting you've been cleansed from your past sins so devastating and how then should you live instead?
 - a) One who holds on to his past sins is bound to continue repeating them!

1) *“For if, **after they have escaped the defilement of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**, they are **again entangled in it and overcome**, the last state has become worse for them than the first. For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than after knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb, **“The dog turns to his own vomit again,”** and “the sow that has washed to wallowing in the mire.””* 2 Peter 2:20-22 WEBUS

b) Put away your former way of life! Live in righteousness, holiness, truth.

1) *“**But you didn’t learn Christ that way**, if indeed you heard him and were taught in him, even as truth is in Jesus: that you **put away**, as concerning **your former way of life**, the old man that grows corrupt after the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and **put on the new man**, who in the likeness of God has been **created in***

righteousness and holiness of truth.” Ephesians
4:20-24 WEBUS

- c) You’ve invested enough into your former life as a pagan. Don’t invest even one more resource!
 - 1) ***“For we have spent enough of our past time doing the desire of the Gentiles, and having walked in lewdness, lusts, drunken binges, orgies, carousings, and abominable idolatries.”*** 1 Peter 4:3 WEBUS
- d) In other words, leave the past in the past and become more like Christ every day!
 - 1) ***“Brothers, I don’t regard myself as yet having taken hold, but one thing I do: **forgetting the things which are behind** and stretching forward to the things which are before, **I press on toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.** Let us therefore, **as many as are perfect [mature Christian adults], think this way.** If in anything you think otherwise, God will also reveal that to you.”***Philippians 3:13-15
WEBUS
- e) And stop looking back! God doesn’t remember your sins, so why would you?

1) ***“Don’t remember the former things, and don’t consider the things of old. {25} I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake; and I will not remember your sins.”*** Isaiah 43:18, 25 WEBUS

f) Anyone who insists on living in their past will never experience the fullness of God’s Kingdom, coming into the full stature and image of Christ!

1) ***“But Jesus said to him, “No one, having put his hand to the plow **and looking back**, is fit for God’s Kingdom.””*** Luke 9:62 WEBUS

(5) So, you have a choice to make...

(a) Lack these things....

1. “For he **who lacks these things** is blind, seeing only what is near, having **forgotten the cleansing from his old sins.**” 2 Peter 1:9 WEBUS

(b) Or let these things abound...

1. “For **if these things are yours and abound**, they make you to not be idle or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 2 Peter 1:8 WEBUS

a) This is so critical that I want to diligently remind you of these things!

(6) The perfect moment to reiterate today’s INTRODUCTION

(a) For this very reason be diligent to add these things to your faith, these many things and for so many reasons—promises really. If these things, these many things, are yours and abound, the fruit in your earthly life and your spiritual life will be abundant. If you do these many things you will never stumble. Could there be a more encouraging promise? And the man who fails to do these things, these many things, he is like a man who can't see anything past what is right in front of him. It's almost like he is nearly blind, but in this case it is not the function of his eyes that is in question. In other words, it's not his physical sight that is distorted, but the absence of his prophetic vision that has blinded him, his inability to grasp the magnitude of what God has promised. And yet, with all these many things in focus, there remains just one thing that will ruin a man's opportunity to attain to God's upward call in Christ. And if there is just one thing that will ruin the whole thing, I will not be negligent to remind you of these many things, but more importantly that one thing.

DILIGENT REMINDERS

3. Diligence or Negligence in Action

A. Diligence in Action

(1) Be more diligent...

(a) If you do these things...

1. “Therefore, brothers, **be more diligent to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never stumble.** For thus you will be richly supplied with the entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Therefore I will not be negligent to remind you of these things,** though you know them and are established in the present truth.” 2 Peter 1:10-12 WEBUS

a) What things? Add to your faith... virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly affection, and love!

1) You will be certain of your calling!

2) You will be certain why God chose you!

3) You will never stumble!

4) You will be crafted into the glorious image of Christ and serve in His Kingdom!

- 5) Note: this process was so well known to first century disciples that Peter acknowledges they are well established in the truth of these things.
2. As such, I will not be negligent to **remind you** of these things... **Diligence in Action!**
 - a) You are a new creation in Christ
 - b) You are convicted not condemned
 - c) You are forgiven, yet liable
 - d) You are a saint not a sinner
 - e) Sin is voluntary not mandatory
 - f) Humility is believing what God says about you
3. As such, I will not be negligent to **warn you** about these things... **Negligence in Action!**
 - a) Pride is believing what you say about you.
 - b) Bad pastoring is worse than no pastoring

B. Reminders: Diligence in Action

- (1) You are a new creation in Christ
 - (a) Old things have passed away and everything is new!
 1. “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation**. The old things have passed away. **Behold, all things have become new**. But all things are of God, who reconciled us to himself through Jesus

Christ, and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation;”

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 WEBUS

- a) Through Christ, the balance sheet of your sins, past, present, and future have been reconciled.
 - b) You have zero debt remaining!
- (b) The truth of what you have attained in Christ is what empowers your new life.
1. “But you didn’t learn Christ that way, if indeed you heard him and were taught in him, even as truth is in Jesus: **that you put away, as concerning your former way of life, the old man** that grows corrupt after the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, **and put on the new man**, who in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of truth.” Ephesians 4:20-24 WEBUS
- a) So, voluntarily cancel all activities that are associate with the sins of your past life, and live like the new person you have become in Christ.
- (c) Acknowledge that your old man was nailed to the cross with Christ.
1. “knowing this, **that our old man was crucified with him**, that the body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be in bondage to sin. **For**

he who has died has been freed from sin.” Romans
6:6-7 WEBUS

a) And when that happened, your requirement to sin
was nailed with you.

(d) When Christ died in the crucifixion, you died with Him.

1. **“I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no
longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. That life
which I now live** in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son
of God, who loved me and gave himself up for me.”
Galatians 2:20 WEBUS

a) That means the life you live now is not your old
life!

(2) You are convicted not condemned

(a) Those truly walking with the Lord need not experience
an ounce of condemnation.

1. **“There is therefore now no condemnation to those
who are in Christ Jesus, who don’t walk according to
the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”** Romans 8:1
WEBUS

a) There is no immunity for those who don’t walk
with the Lord in the Spirit, even those who profess
to be Christians!

- (b) Those who live in the world, including you before you were born again, are convicted of sin.
 - 1. “When he has come, **he will convict the world about sin**, about righteousness, and about judgment;” John 16:8 WEBUS
 - a) That conviction will expose unrighteousness and ends with judgement.
- (3) You are already forgiven.
 - (a) No one can survive when God holds them accountable for their sin.
 - 1. “**If you, Yah, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness** with you, therefore you are feared.” Psalms 130:3-4 WEBUS
 - a) *“But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own lust and enticed. Then the lust, when it has conceived, bears sin. The **sin, when it is full grown, produces death.**”* James 1:14-15 WEBUS
 - (b) You’ve been pulled back from the abyss.
 - 1. “who **delivered us out of the power of darkness**, and translated us into the Kingdom of the Son of his love, **in whom we have our redemption, the forgiveness of our sins.**” Colossians 1:13-14 WEBUS

- a) Redemption: the action of regaining or gaining possession of something in exchange for payment, or clearing a debt. *“Being therefore justified by faith, **we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ;”* Romans 5:1 WEBUS
- b) From the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of love via the forgiveness of sins.
- (c) Who will deliver you from death?
 - 1. **“What a wretched man I am! Who will deliver me out of the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ, our Lord!** So then with the mind, I myself serve God’s law, but with the flesh, sin’s law.” Romans 7:24-25 WEBUS
 - a) Y’shua ALREADY did!
- (d) The mechanism is clear.
 - 1. **“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us the sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** If we say that we haven’t sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.” 1 John 1:8-10 WEBUS
 - a) Confess your sins; God forgives your sins through Christ.

(e) How close should your past sins be to you?

1. “For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his loving kindness toward those who fear him. **As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**” Psalms

103:11-12 WEBUS

a) If you travel north long enough, you will eventually be traveling south. However, if you travel east continuously, you will never be traveling west. That’s how far your past sins have been removed from your present life.

(f) You are forgiven, yet liable. Don’t confuse the two!

1. See [Forgiven... yet Liable](#)

a) Do not confuse God’s unparalleled unconditional forgiveness of your sins and the cancellation of the eternal consequences of your transgressions with the liability you might face here on earth for some of your sinful ways.

b) There is no sin so horrendous that God can’t forgive with Christ as your advocate. If you are willing to repent, He’ll pay the price for every sin.

c) However, if you have done something here on earth to harm others, or transgress the laws of the

land, you may be held liable here and be forced to pay the price yourself, even though those same transgressions are forgiven into eternity. (i.e. the consequences of being convicted for a crime, etc.)

2. Note: there is a sin for which there is no forgiveness and will always lead to death, as John teaches in 1 John 5 (See: [The Sin that Leads to Death](#))
 - a) Please know, it is not the magnitude of the sin that is somehow too big for God to forgive; it is the man's heart that has grown so dark that he is no longer able to repent that makes the sin unforgivable.
 - b) Think about the fate of Pharaoh in Exodus 3-17 and the Plague of Darkness in Exodus 10:21-29, which is the moment in time we see revealed that his heart had grown so dark that he was no longer capable of repenting. Up to that point we witnessed him asking for prayer and forgiveness along the way.
 - c) See the Exodus version, the step-by-step path to [The Sin that Leads to Death](#), Pharaoh's journey into darkness.

(4) You are a saint not a sinner

(a) You no longer carry the “S”, the scarlet letter of sin, once you are a born again Christian.

1. “Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the assembly of God which is at Corinth—**those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called saints**, with all who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, both theirs and ours:” 1 Corinthians 1:1-2

WEBUS

a) You are no longer sinners saved by grace! You are now saints!

b) At least 16 times you are called “saint” in the NEW TESTAMENT. You are no longer a dreadful sinner at the foot of the cross; in God’s eyes you are perfect and complete, lacking nothing (James 1:4)

(5) Sin is voluntary not mandatory

(a) The Truth about Sin

1. “Therefore, putting away falsehood, speak truth each one with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. **“Be angry, and don’t sin.”** Don’t let the sun go down on your wrath, and don’t give place to the devil.” Ephesians 4:25-27 WEBUS

- a) The Christian's Relationship to Sin: you can be angry for example, but you are not required to sin because of it.
- b) *"Woe to the world because of occasions of stumbling [offenses]! For it must be that the occasions come, but **woe to that person through whom the occasion [offenses] comes!**"* Matthew 18:7 WEBUS
- c) There will be ample opportunities to respond to situations and you will always have a choice to do so in a godly manner or sinful manner!
- d) **Food for Thought:** Contemplate the most recent time you found yourself sinning, and ask yourself: *"Did I have a choice to commit this sin, or was it mandatory?"* I think you will find the answer is always that you volunteered to sin; you were no longer required to sin because of the power of the Holy Spirit that dwells in you.
 - 1) *"So then, brothers, **we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.** For if you live after the flesh, you must die; but if **by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body,** you will live."* Romans 8:12-13 (Read Romans 8:1-15)

(b) The question of the day: Shall we continue in sin?

1. “What shall we say then? **Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? May it never be! We who died to sin, how could we live in it any longer?** Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, **so we also might walk in newness of life.** For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we will also be part of his resurrection; **knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away with,** so that **we would no longer be in bondage to sin.** For **he who has died has been freed from sin.** But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him, knowing that Christ, being raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over him! For the death that he died, he died to sin one time; but the life that he lives, he lives to God. **Thus consider yourselves also to be dead to sin,** but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Therefore don't let sin reign in your mortal body,**

that you should obey it in its lusts. Also, do not present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. **For sin will not have dominion over you,** for you are not under law, but under grace.” Romans 6:1-14 WEBUS

- a) Consider Paul’s words carefully!
 - 1) Shall we continue in sin? May it never be!
 - 2) We who died to sin, how could we live in it any longer?
 - 3) Walk in newness of life.
 - 4) Our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away with.
 - 5) We are no longer in bondage to sin.
 - 6) He who has died [with Christ] has been freed from sin.
 - 7) Consider yourselves also to be dead to sin.
 - 8) Don’t let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.
 - 9) Sin will not have dominion over you!
- (c) Sin is lawlessness!

1. **“Everyone who sins also commits lawlessness. Sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away our sins, and no sin is in him. Whoever remains in him doesn’t sin. Whoever sins hasn’t seen him and doesn’t know him.** Little children, let no one lead you astray. He who does righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. **He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. To this end the Son of God was revealed: that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whoever is born of God doesn’t commit sin,** because his seed remains in him, **and he can’t sin,** because he is born of God. **In this the children of God are revealed, and the children of the devil. Whoever doesn’t do righteousness is not of God,** neither is he who doesn’t love his brother.” 1 John 3:4-10 WEBUS

a) Consider John’s words carefully! *“In this the children of God are revealed, and the children of the devil.”* (Note: I invite you to think of John’s words in this context; sin is voluntary not mandatory.)

1) Everyone who sins also commits lawlessness.

- 2) Christ was revealed to take away our sins.
- 3) Whoever remains in Him doesn't sin.
- 4) Whoever sins hasn't seen Him and doesn't know Him.
- 5) He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning.
- 6) To this end the Son of God was revealed: that he might destroy the works of the devil.
- 7) Whoever is born of God doesn't commit sin.
- 8) Christ's seed remains in us, and we can't sin.
- 9) Whoever doesn't do righteousness is not of God.

(d) The Born-Again Christian

1. **"We know that whoever is born of God doesn't sin, but he who was born of God keeps himself, and the evil one doesn't touch him.** We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. We know that **the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding,** that we know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols." 1 John 5:18-21 WEBUS

- a) John Continues...
 - 1) We know that whoever is born of God doesn't sin.
 - 2) He who is born again keeps himself away from sin, and the evil one doesn't touch him.

(6) Humility it believing what God says about you.

(a) Humility: stepping into the fullness of who you are in the Lord and because of the Lord...

- 1. **"I can do all things through Christ** who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13 WEBUS
 - 2. **"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,** a people for God's own possession, **that you may proclaim the excellence of him** who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9 WEBUS
 - 3. **"You didn't choose me, but I chose you** and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatever you will ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to you." John 15:16 WEBUS
- a) You are what you are because of Him, because He chose you!

(b) Humility: while simultaneously acknowledging what you would be without Him...

1. "Surely he mocks the mockers, **but he gives grace to the humble.**" Proverbs 3:34 WEBUS
2. "Likewise, you younger ones, be subject to the elder. Yes, all of you **clothe yourselves with humility** and subject yourselves to one another; for "**God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.**" **Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you** in due time," 1 Peter 5:5-6
WEBUS
3. "For I say through the grace that was given me, to everyone who is among you, **not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think;** but to think reasonably, as **God has apportioned to each** person a measure of faith." Romans 12:3 WEBUS
 - a) God gives grace to the humble and you are low until He lifts you up!
 - b) Don't think you are all that; anything good in you is from Him!

C. Warnings: Negligence in Action

- (1) Pride is believing what you say about you.

- (a) Pride: the most pervasive and invasive form of idolatry. You choose to believe what you wish to believe over God's truth in Scripture.
1. **"When pride comes, then comes shame, but with humility comes wisdom."** Proverbs 11:2 WEBUS
 2. **"Pride goes before destruction, and an arrogant spirit before a fall."** Proverbs 16:18 WEBUS
 3. **"Before destruction the heart of man is proud, but before honor is humility."** Proverbs 18:12 WEBUS
 - a) **Idolatry:** Any person, object, belief, aspiration, or priority, etc. placed above God.
 - b) **Pervasive:** especially of an unwelcome influence or physical effect; spreading widely throughout an area or a group of people.
 - c) **Invasive:** especially of an action or sensation; tending to intrude on a person's thoughts or privacy.
 - d) **Pride:** always ends in destruction; humility is the only solution that can save you from the devastation that follows after pride!
- (2) Bad pastoring is worse than no pastoring
- (a) Bad Pastoring

1. **“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!”** says Yahweh. Therefore Yahweh, the God of Israel, says against the shepherds who feed my people: **“You have scattered my flock, driven them away, and have not visited them.** Behold, I will visit on you the evil of your doings,” says Yahweh.” Jeremiah 23:1-2 WEBUS

a) Negligence in Action

- 1) The Modern-day Church is the root cause of the bad doctrine teaching that Christians remain under the bondage of sin.
- 2) The church is the body of Christ, thus weekly meetings should be attended by Christians.
- 3) Instead, the weekly meeting has become like an evangelical tent meeting catering to unbelievers being in attendance, and thus the message must be geared towards sin and its devastating consequences. As a result, Christians in attendance are fed a steady diet of sin and repentance, oftentimes taking on the identity of the unbelievers, who are powerless over sin.
- 4) The Role of Church meetings should instead be to send this message: (Read ALL of Romans 6)

- a. *“But now, **being made free from sin and having become servants of God**, you have **your fruit of sanctification** and the result of eternal life.”* Romans 6:22 WEBUS
 - b. *“You will be crafted into the fullness, stature, and image of Christ (Eph. 4:11-16),” **not**, “You are just weak victim of sin who will never come out from under its power.”*
- 5) But that message can't come forth in power in the presence pagans, because there are those in attendance who are not even born again. The message that you are no longer required to sin would be utter foolishness to unbelievers.
- 6) It's the job of Christians to evangelize first and then bring new Christians into the church meetings to be disciplined into mature Christians by a mature message, instead of leaving it up to to a polished oratory by a seasoned public speaker, who convinces many to come forward believing they surrendered their lives to the Lord, when all that happened was an emotional response to inspiring words, not different than the emotions expressed when one jumps to his

feet and cheers when their favorite football team scores a touchdown.

7) Paul was clear about the danger in delivering messages as such:

a. *My speech and my preaching were **not in persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith wouldn't stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.**" 1*

Corinthians 2:4-5 WEBUS

8) As such, the modern-day Church is filled with pagans who remain pagans in the worst way; they don't know they are pagans. Yet, there is a clear way to distinguish pagans from Christians:

a. *"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have **love for one another.**"*

John 13:35 WEBUS

b. Similarly, you can easily identify Pagans:

"Therefore by their fruits you will know them." Matthew 7:20 WEBUS

(b) A day of reckoning is coming for bad pastoring

1. If all this is true, then you can't possibly be going to church on Sunday. So where are you going?

a) A cheap substitute

1) **“Woe to you who desire the day of Yahweh!**

Why do you long for the day of Yahweh? It is

darkness, and not light. As if a man fled from a

lion, and a bear met him; or he went into the

house and leaned his hand on the wall, and a

snake bit him. **Won’t the day of Yahweh be**

darkness, and not light? Even very dark, and no

brightness in it? **I hate, I despise your feasts,**

and I can’t stand your solemn assemblies. Yes,

though you offer me your burnt offerings and

meal offerings, I will not accept them; neither

will I regard the peace offerings of your fat

animals. **Take away from me the noise of your**

songs! I will not listen to the music of your

harps. But let justice roll on like rivers, and

righteousness like a mighty stream.” Amos

5:18-24 WEBUS

(c) No prophecy is bad prophecy: bad prophecy is like killing the prophets (See Matthew 23:29-39)

1. **““Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For**

you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate

the tombs of the righteous,” Matthew 23:29 WEBUS

2. “Behold, **I send to you prophets**, wise men, and scribes. Some of them **you will kill and crucify; and some of them you will scourge** in your synagogues and persecute from city to city,” Matthew 23:34

WEBUS

3. ““Jerusalem, Jerusalem, **who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her!** How often I would have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you would not! **Behold, your house is left to you desolate.** For I tell you, you will not see me from now on, until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”” Matthew 23:37-39 WEBUS

a) If you murder the prophetic...

1) Your house is left to you desolate! Also see what Jeremiah says about bad prophets. (Jer. 23:9-40)

a. **“Concerning the prophets:** *My heart within me is broken. All my bones shake. I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine has overcome, because of Yahweh, and because of his holy words.*” Jeremiah 23:9 WEBUS

(d) Separation of Powers: protection against bad pastoring!

1. “So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God, **being built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief cornerstone;**” Ephesians 2:19-20 WEBUS
 - a) Three Branches of Government: a separation of powers (SOP) in the church is in place to protect against any one branch going sideways!
 - 1) The King of Kings
 - 2) Apostles: the pastoral branch
 - 3) Prophets: the prophetic branch
 - (e) Good Pastoring
 1. “Therefore I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and who will also share in the glory that will be revealed: **shepherd the flock of God which is among you, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion, but voluntarily; not for dishonest gain, but willingly; not as Lording it over those entrusted to you, but making yourselves examples to the flock.** When the chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the crown of glory that doesn’t fade away.” 1 Peter 5:1-4 WEBUS
 - a) Stewarding God’s Flock

- 1) It's not about you!
- 2) Be an example and be willing to submit to the prophetic.
- 3) Don't... ***“lack of these things like a blind man who sees only what is near, and has forgotten that our sins are in the past!”*** 2 Peter 1:9

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION (USE THE SERMON NOTES TO HELP!)

1. **“For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to not be idle or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”** 2 Peter 1:8 WEBUS
 - A. What things? Name and describe each thing.
2. **“For he who lacks these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins.”** 2 Peter 1:9 WEBUS
 - A. What does it mean to be blind?
 - B. What does it mean to see only what is near?
 - C. In what ways does a man demonstrate that he has forgotten he's been cleansed from past sins and how does that effect the entire process you described in questions one?

3. “Therefore, brothers, be more diligent to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never stumble.” 2 Peter 1:10 WEBUS

A. You already described what things to do, now describe what it means to never stumble.

4. “Therefore I will not be negligent to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the present truth.” 2 Peter 1:12 WEBUS

A. Why is Peter so intent on not being negligent in these matters?

B. What does it mean that Peter’s audience is already established in the truth that he is teaching?

5. Look thorough the entirety of the notes and write a one to two thousand word essay describing a Christian’s relationship to sin and his bondage to sin.

A. What does this statement mean to you as a Christian? *“Sin is not mandatory; sin is voluntary.”*