## For If Ye Do These Things Ye Shall Never Fall (Part 12)

## I. Introduction:

- A. We have been focused on things we need to grow in so that we never fall in our past 11 lessons (**II Peter 1:1-9**) for a reason...
  - 1. Few will be saved (Luke 13:23-24).
  - 2. Many who start in Christ fall away (**Luke 8:4-15** and **Revelation 2:1-3:22**).
- B. We have to ask ourselves if we want eternal life badly enough to put in the necessary work to obtain it (I Corinthians 9:24-27)?
  - 1. Finishing faithful is no "walk in the park" (Acts 14:22).
  - 2. It doesn't take much to fall (James 2:10-12).
- II. Body: Diligently Do Those Things To Never Fall (II Peter 1:10-11).
  - A. Wherefore the rather [more (in a greater degree); Strong's # 3123] give diligence ["to use speed, i.e. to make effort, be prompt or earnest"; Strong's #4704] to make your calling and election sure (**Hebrews 12:1-17**).
    - 1. In other words, let us labor; get to work (Hebrews 3:15-4:11).
    - 2. Be diligent to be found ready (II Peter 3:9-14).
    - 3. Your calling, vocation (Ephesians 4:1-6).
    - 4. Your election [being chosen] (II Thessalonians 2:13-14).
    - 5. Sure [steadfast; stable; firm;] (Hebrews 3:6; 14).
  - B. "If <u>YE</u> do these things..." Preventing falling away by following God's way (**John 5:24-29**).
    - 1. Following the proper instructions (I Thessalonians 2:1-12).
    - 2. Not being influenced by the wrong things/people (Colossians 2:6-8).
    - 3. We need to continue in obedience (**John 8:31-32** and **II Timothy 3:14-17**).
    - 4. You can finish faithful (II Timothy 4:6-8).
  - C. Abundantly [richly] ministered [supplied; furnished] an entrance into the everlasting kingdom (**Matthew 25:31-46**).
    - 1. The Good Shepherd is the one supplying us with everlasting life (**John 10:1-18**).
    - 2. That life is there for your taking (Romans 6:22 and Hebrews 10:36).
- III. Conclusion: It's all on you (Jude 1:21).