

For If Ye Do These Things Ye Shall Never Fall

(Part 3)

I. Introduction:

A. Our series of lessons is about how our Lord, through our knowledge of His will, equips us to never fall (**Proverbs 2:10-11**).

1. As a reminder, we have to be open to learning to gain knowledge (**Proverbs 22:17**).

2. As another reminder to consider, learning doesn't always produce knowledge (**II Timothy 3:7**).

B. After discussing the exceeding promises and how we have been given all things pertaining to life and godliness (**II Peter 1:1-4**), we are looking at "besides this" [in addition]. We are equipped, now what (**Matthew 25:14-30**)?

1. We have the tools, the motivation, now grow (**Proverbs 1:5**).

2. That work is about increasing our spiritual state (**Colossians 1:10**).

II. Body: Giving All Diligence, Add To Your Faith (**II Peter 1:5**)

A. Diligence (**Psalms 119:1-4** and **Hebrews 11:6**).

1. Diligence is translated in other passages in the N.T., as some words that are profitable to consider in defining the term:

a. Haste (**Luke 1:39**).

b. Business (**Romans 12:11**).

c. Carefulness/care (**II Corinthians 7:9-12; 8:16**) *vs. 11-12.

d. Forwardness (**II Corinthians 8:8**).

2. The idea is - labor/effort (**John 6:26-27**).

B. Diligently (**Ecclesiastes 9:10**) add to your faith (**Revelation 2:19**).

1. Our foundation is our faith (**Hebrews 11:1**).

a. Faith that comes from the word of God (**Romans 10:14-17**).

b. Faith is one part of what guides us (**II Timothy 2:22**).

c. Faith is the engine of our good works (**I Thessalonians 1:3**).

d. Our faith leads us to victory (**I John 5:4**).

2. Our faith roots us (**Colossians 2:6-7**).

3. Our foundation of faith equips us with the confidence to endure, grow, hold on, etc. (**II Timothy 1:12-13**).

4. As we add to our faith, remember that our faith must continue to grow too (**II Corinthians 10:13-15**).

5. Just remember, faith is the foundation not the end of our building (**James 2:14-26**).

C. The foundation we are built on is solid (**Ephesians 2:19-21**), so aim high with your building considering what kind of house we are (**I Peter 2:5**).

1. Remember whose house we are (**Hebrews 3:6**).

2. Therefore, the limits of our potential spiritual strengths are unimaginable (**Ephesians 3:17-21**).

3. At the same time, we have to be cautious not to confuse proper faith with misplaced zeal (**Romans 10:1-3**).

III. Conclusion: As we proceed, let's be cautious how we build (**I Corinthians 3:10**).