

For If Ye Do These Things Ye Shall Never Fall

(Part 1)

I. Introduction:

A. As we begin this series of lessons, I must first state clearly that falling away is always a possibility for anyone (**I Corinthians 10:12**).

1. Some are tempted and fall away (**Luke 8:13**).
2. Others just choose to follow the Lord no more (**John 6:60-66**) and throw away their salvation (cf. **I Timothy 5:12**).

B. Therefore, when the Lord tells us HOW we can accomplish continued faithfulness we ought to take heed to that counsel (**Hebrews 3:7-4:2**).

1. This series of lessons are intended for those who desire to keep themselves in place for eternal life in Heaven (**Jude 1:21**).
2. You have to look to yourself so you don't lose it (**II John 1:8**).
3. This series of lessons are going to aim at showing us that continued faithfulness is possible and how we can reach that (**Romans 2:7; 11:22**).
4. We will see HOW God keeps us from falling (**Jude 1:24-25**) through the knowledge of the words of Christ.

II. Body: You've Been Given All The Tools To Get There (**II Peter 1:1-3**).

A. According to His divine power we have been given all things is in relation to what is given through Christ to us (**Matthew 28:18-20** and **John 17:1-2**).

1. We must remember that all things were created by and for Christ and are currently under submission to Him (**Colossians 1:12-18**).
2. Thus, all we do is to be by His authority (**Colossians 3:17**).

B. Through knowledge revealed by our Lord Jesus Christ we have been given all things that pertain to life (**John 6:63; 68** and **I Thessalonians 4:1-2**).

1. We are fully equipped (**Psalms 19:7-11** and **II Timothy 3:15-17**).
2. The word of God is able (**Acts 20:32**; cf. **John 17:17**).

C. We have been given all things that pertain to godliness through the words of our Lord (**Titus 1:1-3**).

1. The teaching of Christ is according to godliness and we should avoid all contrary counsel (**I Timothy 6:3-5**).
2. Think about the benefits of being godly (**I Timothy 4:7-8; 6:6-11**).
 - a. Spiritually (**Titus 2:11-14** and **II Peter 3:9-14**).
 - b. Even in the world (**I Thessalonians 4:11-12** and **I Peter 3:9-17**).
 - c. We are equipped to be wise (**I Corinthians 1:18-2:16**, **Colossians 1:28**, and **Colossians 4:5-6**).

D. We have been called (**II Thessalonians 2:14**)...

1. ...To glory (**Matthew 5:14-16**, **I Corinthians 10:31**, **I Peter 1:7**, and **I Peter 4:11**).
2. ...To virtue [excellence] (**I Thessalonians 4:7** and **I Peter 2:9; 21-22**).

III. Conclusion: Don't Ignore The Teaching Of The Truth (**Proverbs 4:13**).