

For If Ye Do These Things Ye Shall Never Fall

(Part 11)

I. Introduction:

A. We have discussed using all that God's provides for us through knowledge to add to our faith virtue, mature knowledge, self-control, endurance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity (**II Peter 1:3-7**).

1. It is important that we grow up spiritually (**I Corinthians 14:20** and **Ephesians 4:14-16**).

2. The work of growth requires a desire to do so (**I Peter 2:1-2**).

B. These two concluding lessons should fortify and motivate that desire to grow because the end result is not falling away which is rewarding (**I Timothy 6:12**).

1. The person who turns back will reap what he or she has sown (**Proverbs 14:14** and **Jeremiah 2:19**).

2. Our goal is to not throw away our inheritance (**Hebrews 10:35-39**).

II. Body: **II Peter 1:8-9**

A. If these things be "in you" (**Philemon 1:6**) and abound (**I Thessalonians 4:1-2**).

1. The word of God should be "in you" (**Colossians 1:5-6**, **Colossians 3:16**, **I John 2:14**, and **I John 2:24**) which means Christ is in you (**Colossians 1:27**; cf. **John 1:1; 14**).

2. Is Christ in you (**II Corinthians 13:5**)?

3. "In you" is about your way of thinking (**Philippians 2:2-5**).

4. All of the things we have discussed in **II Peter 1** thus far should abound, increase in you (**Colossians 1:10**; i.e. **I Thessalonians 4:9-10**).

B. You won't be barren or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (**John 15:1-8** and **Titus 3:14**).

1. The word translated "barren" here means: "Inactive, i.e. unemployed; (by implication) lazy, useless: — barren, idle, slow. Free from labour, at leisure. Lazy, shunning the labour which one ought to perform" (Strong's # 692)

a. Being idle equals being spiritually asleep (**Proverbs 19:15**).

b. Don't be lazy (**Hebrews 6:10-12**).

2. We should have nothing to do with unfruitful works (**Ephesians 5:11**).

3. The knowledge of Christ, if used, will cause us to bring forth proper spiritual fruit (**Philippians 1:11**; cf. **Ephesians 2:10**, **Titus 2:7-14**, and **Titus 3:7-8**).

4. Why would you identify yourself as belonging to Christ if you aren't doing what He says (**Luke 6:43-46**).

C. He that lacketh these things (**Proverbs 6:32**, **Hosea 4:1-6**, etc.)...

1. Is blind (**Jeremiah 5:21, Ezekiel 12:2, Matthew 15:1-14, and II Corinthians 4:3-4**).
2. Such blindness should be left behind when converted (**Acts 26:18-20**).
3. Cannot see afar off, only focused on the short term rather than on the end goal of eternal life (**Philippians 3:1-21**; cf. **Proverbs 23:5** and **I John 2:15-17**).
4. Hath forgotten he was purged from his old sins and the obligation that comes with having sins forgiven (**Psalms 130:1-8, II Corinthians 5:7-17, and II Timothy 2:19**; cf. **Luke 17:11-19**).

III. Conclusion: Don't lack even that one thing and be unwilling to fix it (**Mark 10:17-22**).