

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**, **Proverbs 11:9**, and **Ecclesiastes 7:12**).

1. As a reminder, we have to be open to learning to gain knowledge (**Proverbs 22:17**; **23:12**).
2. As another reminder to consider, learning doesn't also 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**, **Proverbs 4:23**, 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** and **I Corinthians 15:58**).

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 should be visible through our works (**Philemon 1:5-6**).
 - e. 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 (**Hebrews 6:1** and **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**).
4. Also, remember how God feels when we turn from building what He wants because we are distracted by what we want (**Haggai 1:1-11**).

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