

I will not be Negligent to Remind You—Part One

Cornerstone Christian Fellowship

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STUDY QUESTIONS

II Peter 1: 10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; 11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 12 For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. 13 Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, 14 knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. 15 Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease. 16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. 19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your heartsí

- 1.) Many of us have just completed a study in the Book of Malachi (*recommended if you haven't been through the book with John Herbert), and we realize that it is important for God's people to *remember*. As a nation, why was Israel told again and again to *remember*?
- 2.) This call to remembrance was not just for Israel as a nation, but also to the individual Jews. Why would this be the case?
- 3.) In the same way, Peter also was led by the Holy Spirit to remind us of the Church of about certain things concerning our future outcome. About what did Peter's reminder have to do with?
- 4.) Peter mentions someone else who wrote of the very things of which Peter wrote. Who was it, and what did Peter have to say about it?

- 5.) In reality though, from Whom do the reminders really come? And what passages did we look at to see this?
- 6.) Read Hebrews 3:7-15. What is the ultimate goal that is before each one of us, personally, through the reminders?
- 7.) So let's get back to the context of Peter's reminder. What was the reason behind Peter wanting to remind his readers of the things that we need to be focused on? What passage did we read that gave the details of the event in Peter's past?
- 8.) According to II Peter 1:10, what did Peter want us to do? Please explain it.
- 9.) What does our *calling* and our *election* have to do with, and what does it *not* have to do with? How do we know?
- 10.) Jesus talked about the many being *called* and only a few being *chosen* in a parable He gave. Read the parable in Matt. 22:2-14. What was the setting in this parable? Relate the parable to us.
- 11.) With Jesus speaking of the same thing that Peter is speaking of, what is in the mind of both when reminding us of our calling and our being chosen (Lit., called-out)?
- 12.) Specifically, what does *the call* have to do with? (Depending upon your answer to a question #9, this may be redundant. I just want to make sure you get it!)
- 13.) Specifically, what does *the calling-out* have to do with?

14.) Where is the determination made between those who are called-out and those who are not?

15.) Paul writes in: *Philippians 3:13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.* And he also says in: *I Corinthians 9:26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air: 27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.* What is Paul talking about in these passages? And what steps does he take to accomplish the prize of the upward call of God, and not become disqualified for it?

16.) In the end, did Paul know that he had ðmade itð? What passage did we look at to see this?

17.) Peter gives us one of the ways (a guideline, if you will) of how we can ðmake itð. According to what he wrote in his second letter, what are the steps involved?

18.) We are to be *diligent* to do these things. What is inferred by the use of this word?

19.) If we are diligent to do these things, then what would be our outcome in the end?

20.) *Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.* This verse tells us that faith is the *support* or *foundation* upon which our *hope* rests. Our hope is something that we *confidently expect* (with assurance from God's Word), it is the *evidence* (the proof, the conviction) of things that we do not yet see. With that in mind, let's look at each one of these characteristics that Peter says should be diligently building upon our faith, our foundation of what we hope for.

To our faith, we are to diligently add virtue. Explain virtue:

To our virtue, we are to diligently add knowledge. Explain knowledge:

To our knowledge, we are to diligently add self-control. Explain self-control:

To our self-control, we are to diligently add perseverance. Explain perseverance:

To our perseverance, we are to diligently add godliness. Explain godliness.

To our godliness, we are to add brotherly love. Explain brotherly love:

To our brotherly love, we are to diligently add love. Explain love:

What passage did we look at in order to see what this type of love would look like?

In the end, what would be the result if these characteristics are our and abound?

In closing, do you have any thoughts or questions?