Peter's Final Words 2Pet 1:15-18

• as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, 16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures. 2 Peter 3:15-18

Beware/Be on your Guard/Take Care

• You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, **beware** lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; 18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. <u>2Pet. 3:17-18</u>

Knowing these things beforehand

- Beware guard, keep your eyes upon be alert!
 - -Ignorant / Unstable twist Scriptures destruction
 - -Lest carried away with error of wicked
 - You fall from your own steadfastness
 - -But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ

Knowing these things beforehand

An Outline of Second Peter

- -Twist Scripture to own destruction
- -The Error of Wicked. <u>2Pet 2-3</u>
- -Your own Steadfastness <u>2Pet 1</u>
- -Grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ - <u>2Pet 1</u>

• Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 2 Peter 1:2-4

- God's Part:
- 1:3 All things necessary for life and godliness are in the gospel; <u>2 Tim 3:15-17</u>
- 1:4 Precious and Exceeding Great Promises
- Our Part:
- 1:5-7 our responsibility to add on our part.
- <u>1:8-11</u> Guard the motivations given to keep us diligent and excited about our sacrifices.

• But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 2Peter 1:5-8

- <u>1:3</u> All things necessary for life and godliness are in the gospel; <u>2Tim 3:15-17</u>
- <u>1:5-7</u> Beware: Don't forget to add on our part.

Faith Virtue Knowledge Self-Control Peseverance Godliness Brotherly Kindness Love

• For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. 10 Peter 1:8-11

- not idle nor unfruitful
- Make your calling and election sure.
- If you do these things you will never stumble
- Thus shall be richly supplied to you the entrance into the eternal kingdom.

He that Lacks These Things



- is blind
- seeing only what is near
- having forgotten the cleansing from old sins

• 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. 2 Peter 1:8-11

• 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. <u>1:12-15</u>

• 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.

Your own Steadfastness

- <u>1:16-18</u> The weakest link is of the strongest quality! The apostles were not deceived.
- They truly saw all that is recorded
- <u>1:19-20</u> Their testimony added to prophesy will allow the daystar to arise in our hearts.