

Monday, 28 September 2015

2 Peter 1:3-4

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

A big part of the belief/trust/commit/obey quartet is the recognition of our complete equipping for life in the Kingdom today. His precious and very great promises have given us the knowledge of every thing we need to fully participate with Him in the divine nature and revel that we have escaped from the corruption that once held us in thrall.

But don't ever forget that these promises are to those who trust. Trust is not a sometime thing, it is an always thing--a way of life, not a selective on/off switch.

Tuesday, 29 September 2015

2 Peter 1:5-7

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

Let's see, which one of these characteristics should I make every effort to improve today? Self-control might be a good place to start. Nope, too tough, I'll just seek forgiveness when I blow it or I'll explain to the Lord why I had every right to lose it under the circumstances. Something just does not seem right about this line of reasoning.

No, if I think that it is MY effort, that's a works orientation when I need to be seeking a Spirit-led transformation. I need to be prayerfully seeking to become a man of faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection and love. It is not about what I do but

about what I am.

Lord--make me, mold me, use me!

Wednesday, 30 September 2015

2 Peter 1:8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wisdom is the fruitful application of knowledge and experience. Therefore as I am transformed into the image of Christ, I become more and more effective as an Ambassador of reconciliation. This is like being on a raise-a-day plan. Hallelujah!

Thursday, 1 October 2015

2 Peter 1:9 For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.

A dear brother was telling me recently about how he views his life as climbing a ladder with the top reaching into Heaven. But once in a while, he slips and misses a rung, tumbling. In desperation, he cries out to the Lord who gently grabs him and restores him to the ladder. Not a perfect analogy, none ever are, but effective.

We often forget that we are cleansed and restored; we begin to fret and stew as we dwell on our mounting problems. Slipping on Ron's ladder is analogous to forgetting to trust in His precious and never failing promises to meet all our needs as we pursue our assigned missions.

Friday, 2 October 2015

2 Peter 1:10 Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.

Peter is hammering in this throughout this passage on the theme of sticking to the task. Believing/trusting/committing/obeying is the foundation that enables me to concentrate on my calling and election, not

getting distracted by problems that have been solved even if I don't know the answers.

Saturday, 3 October 2015

2 Peter 1:11 For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I was hired several times in my working career where there were glowing reports of the year-end bonuses that had been paid. They always remained in the past tense!

Now I have a Boss whom I can absolutely trust, not only will His bonus be paid, it is being paid day to day as I labor in His vineyard. Just like those laborers of Matthew 20:1-8, I get my spiritual dinarii continuously.

Lord's Day, 4 October 2015

Psalm 119:79

Let those who fear you turn to me, that they may know your testimonies.

Tonight, Lord, tonight may I be the messenger of Your testimonies. Open my mouth with Your words, with the story of Your love, grace and mercy. May the River of Life flow from my mouth.

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