

# Will You Follow Jesus?

## 2 Peter 1:3-16 (NIV)

"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. 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 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. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty."

## **Keep on Growing!**

#### We Have the Inheritance.

Deuteronomy 4:20 (KJV)

"But the Lord has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be a people of his own inheritance, as you are this day."

Ephesians 1:11 (ESV)

"In him [Christ] we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will."

#### We Have Access to God's Nature!

## **Seven Qualities**

- Virtue
- Knowledge
- Self-control
- Steadfastness
- Godliness
- Brotherly Affection
- Love

#### Love

#### Exodus 20:18-21 (ESV)

"Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.' Moses said to the people, 'Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.' The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was."

### Genesis 3:8 (KJV)

"And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day..."

## John 1:14 (ESV)

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

## Revelation 21:3 (ESV)

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God."

#### Follow Me

#### **Apprenticeship**

"I do, you watch, I do, you help, You do, I help, You do I watch."

#### Hebrews 10:39 (ESV)

"But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls."