

A STUDY OF  
2 PETER

# Genuine *and* ~~False~~ CHRISTIANITY

NORTHLAKE BIBLE  
CHURCH

2 PETER 1:12-15

REMIND ME AGAIN - PLEASE

Theme: Loving diligent reminders are necessary for our continual fruitful growth in the faith.

## A. Always Ready

“to remind you of these things”

John 15:2 – “Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, he takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, he prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.”

1 Thess 2:12 – Paul said – “We exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.”

1 Cor. 1:9 – “God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Christ our Lord.”

## A. Always Ready (never negligent)

Heb. 2:1-3 – “For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it. 2 For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty, 3 how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, “

Heb. 10:22-23 – “22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;”

A. Always Ready (never negligent)

Luke 22:32 “but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

Rom. 15:14 – “And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able also to admonish one another.”

Q: What heart attitudes are necessary for reminders to be given and received from one another in a fruitful way?

## B. It's Right

Phil 4:8

“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.”

## B. It's Right

Thomas Schreiner - "Peter uses the word "righteous" in accord with the OT, where it denotes God's saving activity on behalf of His people. Peter does not teach that believers have the wherewithal to produce godliness. It is only by "divine power" that they are enabled to live in a way that pleases God. God has supernaturally called believers to lives of moral excellence, so that the emphasis lies on the grace of God."



## B. It's Right

2 Peter 3:1 – “This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind (pure mind) by way of reminder.”

Col. 1:21 – “And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled.”

Q: What are some dangers if we lack discipline in our faith?

Rom. 6:5 – “For if we have been united with him in death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.”

## C. Give All Diligence

Q: How can Peter remind them from the grave?

Ps. 19:7-11 – “The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul;  
The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. 8  
The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The  
commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. 9  
The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;  
The judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous  
altogether. 10 They are more desirable than gold, yes, than  
much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of  
the honeycomb. 11 Moreover, by them Your servant is warned;  
In keeping them there is great reward.”

## C. Give All Diligence

John MacArthur – “The leader of the Twelve wanted believers to avoid the hazards of spiritual negligence; therefore, he labored diligently through his preaching and writing to reiterate the important issues. He desired to leave a final will and testament to remind saints of the greatness of salvation, the blessedness of assurance, and to make certain that false doctrines did not rob them of their rich spiritual heritage.”

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