



## A Textual Outline of 2 Peter 1:5-15

**A** <sup>5</sup> But also for this very reason, giving all **diligence**, add to your **faith** virtue, to virtue knowledge, <sup>6</sup> to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, <sup>7</sup> to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

**B** <sup>8</sup> For if **these things** are yours and abound, *you* will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> For he who lacks **these things** is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

**A'** <sup>10</sup> Therefore, brethren, be even more **diligent** to make your **call and election** sure,

**B'** for if you do **these things** you will never stumble; <sup>11</sup> for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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**A** <sup>12</sup> 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.

**B** <sup>13</sup> Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent,

**A'** to stir you up by **reminding** *you*,

**B'** <sup>14</sup> knowing that shortly I *must* put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.

**A'** <sup>15</sup> Moreover I will **be careful** to ensure that you always have a **reminder** of these things

**B'** after my decease.

### **Sermon Reminder #1 – The Need for Diligence**

We give all diligence to “add to our faith” We are not just a “certificate Christian” (1:5).

We make our call and election sure, certain, verifiably true. We grow and progress (1:10).

We are diligent to share these with others so that they grow, are fed, and mature (1:15).

### **Sermon Reminder #2 – Christian Diligence Pays Off (Benefits of the Diligent Life)**

You will not be barren (spiritually empty, unfulfilled)

You will not be unfruitful

You will not be shortsighted

You will not be spiritually blind

You will not forget that you have been cleansed from your old sins

You will not stumble

You WILL abound! Grow, mature, progress!

You WILL be richly, most graciously welcomed with entrance into Heaven

### **Sermon Reminder #3 – Seven Marks of a Real Christian**

Virtue (right and noble character)

Knowledge (head and heart)

Self-Control (God’s control of self)

Perseverance (tenacity, endurance)

Godliness (God’s attributes flowing through you)

Brotherly Kindness (genuine family-love for each other)

Love (sacrificial, committed, loyal)