

## 2 Peter - Week 10

### Be Diligent

2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. 11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. 13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. 14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. 15 Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. 16 He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction. NIV

- The key issue in the life of man is this: who is in **control** of my life?
- Those of us who know God should maintain the course of advancing in **holiness** and knowledge of God's Word.
- Again **focus** determines my reality. For me it usually comes in the form of my **impatience** with folks. It comes in two forms: with those I know and those I don't know.  
When I get this way, God has taught me two important things to do:
  1. **Sanctify** myself, and
  2. Seek God, **God's** way.
- God saw the **presumption** and irreverence of Uzziah's heart.
- Our **flesh** is always in conflict with the holiness and knowledge of God.
- Those who know God will love with **reverence**, obedience, and with a grateful heart.
- Because one day the world will **end** as we know it.
- This truth God gives is not speculation -- it is **motivation**.
- Because the end is coming we need to be **diligent**. God's diligence is evident in His patience and His **longsuffering**.
  - Patience does not mean **approval**.
  - Longsuffering does not mean **forgetful**.

There are several ways in which we can live and show our diligence to God.

- Live a **godly** life
- Live a **ready** life
- Live a **holy** life
  - The godly life is **reflecting** who God is.
  - The holy life is to know who I am, and to be willing to change my personal **conduct** to reflect who God is.
  - Holy means “be **separate.**” Godly means piety or **faithfulness.**
- Be diligent to win the **lost** to Christ.  
The Jewish nation is a testimony to the Law. Today the church is a witness, a testimony to God’s **grace.**
- Be diligent to grow **spiritually.**

Peter gives four “beloveds” (KJV)

1. Beloved, be **mindful** 2 Peter 3:1-2
2. Beloved, be not **ignorant** 2 Peter 3:8
3. Beloved, be **diligent** 2 Peter 3:14
4. Beloved, be **aware** 2 Peter 3:17

Final thoughts

- Peter has told us we have **hope.**
- I believe Peter tells us from his own life “learn from your “**mistakes.**”
- Peter reminds us the best use of our time is to pay attention to and live out **truth.**