

THE SECOND EPISTLE GENERAL OF PETER

2 Pet. 1:10-15

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11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know *them*, and be established in the present truth.

13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting *you* in remembrance;

14 Knowing that shortly I must put off *this* my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.

15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

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(d) We must not only be in possession, but also have patience

(e) We must not only be patiently good, but also be patiently godly

(f) We must not only be holy, but also be helpful, 1:7a

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(a) Be sure! 1:10a “Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure...”

As I believe, therefore I live.

2 Cor. 13:5 **Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.** Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

(b) But more! 1:10b-11

i. You will not fall now, 1:10b “...for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:”

1 Cor. 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth **take heed lest he fall.**

Jude 1:24 Now **unto him that is able to keep you from falling**, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

Jn. 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Rom. 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Rom. 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

1 Jn. 5:11 And this is the record, that **God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.**

12 **He that hath the Son hath life;** *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; **that ye may know that ye have eternal life,** and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

ii. You will not fail then, 1:11

2 Pet. 1:11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

epichorégeó: to supply

Original Word: ἐπιχορηγέω

Transliteration: epichorégeó

Definition: I supply, provide (perhaps lavishly), furnish.

epixorégēō (from *epí*, "appropriately *on*," which intensifies *xorégeō*, "richly *supply* everything needed for an ancient *chorus* to be a *grand* production") – properly, *lavishly* supply, as it is suitable (apt) to outfit all that is needed to accomplish a *grand* objective.

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2 Pet. 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, **add** to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

1 Cor. 3:15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; **yet so as by fire.**

1 Pet. 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy **hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ** from the dead,

4 **To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,**

5 **Who are kept by the power of God** through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Luke 12:21 So *is* he that layeth up treasure for himself, **and is not rich toward God. ...**

31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; **and all these things shall be added unto you.**

Acts 7:56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

Heb. 1:14 Are they not all **ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?**

(2) The need for his exhortation, 1:12

(a) Peter's responsibility, 1:12a "Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things..."

(b) Peter's realization, 1:12b "...**though ye know them**, and be established in the present truth."

stérizó: to make fast, establish

Original Word: στηρίζω

Transliteration: stérizó

Definition: (a) I fix firmly, direct myself towards, (b) generally met: I buttress, prop, support; I strengthen, establish.

stērízō (from *stēringks*, "a support that fixes, plants down"; akin to *hístēmi*, "to stand," having a duplication of the primitive Gk root/*sta*, "to make stand") – properly, set fast (fix); give *support to secure* (firmly establish); solidly plant (which eliminates vacillation). <http://biblehub.com/greek/4741.htm>

Luke 9:51 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly **set** his face to go to Jerusalem,

Luke 16:26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf **fixed**: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that [*would come*] from thence.

Luke 22:32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

Rom. 1:11 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be **established**;

1 Thess. 3:2 And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to **establish** you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:

2 Thess. 2:17 Comfort your hearts, and **stablish** you in every good word and work.

2 Thess. 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall **stablish** you, and keep *you* from evil.

Jas. 5:8 Be ye also patient; **stablish** your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

1 Pet. 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, **stablish**, strengthen, settle *you*.

b. Peter's example, 1:13-15

(1) His unfaltering determination, 1:13

2 Pet. 1:13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting *you* in remembrance;

hégeomai: to lead, suppose, think, account

Original Word: ἡγέομαι

Transliteration: hégeomai

Phonetic Spelling: (hayg-eh'-om-ahee)

Definition: (a) I lead, (b) I think, am of opinion, suppose, consider.

hēgéomai (from *ágō*, "to lead") – properly, to lead the way (going before as a *chief*) – cognate with *hēgemón* ("a governor or official who leads others").

hēgéomai ("what goes before, in front") refers to *coming first in priority* such as: "the leading thought" in one's mind, i.e. to esteem (regard highly); or a leading authority, providing leadership in a local church (see Heb. 13:7,17,24 = "rule").

hēgéomai ("an official who *leads*") carries important responsibility and hence "casts a heavy vote" (influence) – and hence deserve cooperation by those who are led (Heb 13:7; passive, "to esteem/reckon heavily" the person or influence who is leading).]

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skénóma: a tent

Original Word: σκῆνωμα

Transliteration: skénóma

Definition: a tent pitched, a dwelling, tabernacle.

skénōma – properly, a pitched tent ("tabernacle," Ac 7:46); (figuratively) the physical body, serving as God's vehicle (dwelling place) – i.e. as believers live as *sojourner-travelers* ("pilgrims") *with* the Lord in this life, through faith (2 Pet 1:13,14).

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diegeiró: to arouse completely

Original Word: διεγείρω

Transliteration: diegeiró

Definition: I wake out of sleep, arouse in general, stir up.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1326.htm>

(2) His unforgettable destiny, 1:14

2 Pet. 1:14 Knowing that shortly I must put off *this* my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.

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J. Sidlow Baxter noted the danger of life without growth, in verses 3-8, and the danger of knowledge without practice, in verses 9-14,

Baxter, J. Sidlow. *Explore the Book*. 6 vols. in 1. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1960.

(3) His unfailing diligence, 1:15

2 Pet. 1:15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

Heb. 11:4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it **he being dead yet speaketh.**

Conclusion

1 Cor. 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.