**Things you need…spiritual diligence**

2 Pet. 1: 5 – Now for this reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge…

1. God has granted to believer’s everything for life & godliness- v. 3
2. Everything for life & godliness comes through the true knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence – v. 3
3. By the true knowledge of God & the Lord Jesus Christ we are given precious and magnificent promises – v. 4
4. By these precious and magnificent promises, we become partakers of the divine nature – v. 4
5. By these precious and magnificent promises, we escape the corruption that is in the world by lust – v. 4
6. Since believer’s have a divine nature & have escaped corruption in the world by lusts apply diligence in your faith – v. 5

**Promises of the things we need – 2 Pet. 1: 8 - 11**

1. When we practice the things, we need we are useful to the Lord – v. 8
2. When we practice the things, we need we are fruitful in our knowledge of the Lord Jesus – v. 8
3. When we do not practice the things, we need we are blind – v. 9
4. When we do not practice the things, we need we are shortsighted – v. 9
5. When we do not practice the things, we need we have forgotten his purification for our former sins – v. 9
6. When we practice the things, we need we never stumble – v. 10
7. When we practice the things, we need we will have an abundantly supplied entrance into heaven – v. 11

**You need to practice spiritual diligence**

What is diligence?

1. In the Hebrew language it can mean:
2. Carefulness
3. Watchfulness
4. Exactness
5. In the Greek language it can mean:
6. Eagerness
7. Earnestness
8. Completeness
9. In English it can mean:
10. Careful, conscientious, or persistent work or effort

 **You need to practice diligence in your faith**

1. Constantly adding diligence in your faith – walk by faith not by sight – 2 Cor. 5:7
2. Diligence in your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation, life & godliness
3. Diligence in your faith in the promises of God
4. Diligence in your faith in adversities
5. Diligence in your faith in temptations
6. Diligence in your faith in the world
7. Diligence in raising the shield of faith
8. Constantly strengthening your faith by time in God’s Word & prayer – Rom. 10:17

**You need to practice diligence in guarding your heart – Pro.4:23**

Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life

1. Watch = Heb. Observe your heart
2. Diligence = Heb. Guard – keep in custody

Lit. = Observe & guard your heart from it flow the springs of life

1. Constantly observe the condition of your mind, conscience, emotions, affections & will
2. What is your mind focused on?
3. What is your conscience telling you?
4. What emotions are controlling you?
5. What affections are guiding you?
6. What is the condition of your will? – What do you want to do?
7. Constantly guard what you allow to guide or influence your mind, conscience, emotions, affections & will
8. Protect your heart like a parent protects their children
9. Watch & pray not to enter into temptation – Matt. 26:41
10. Use God’s word & the Holy Spirit to reveal the condition of your heart – Heb. 4:12
11. Protect your heart from defilement of sinful practices
12. Protect your heart from corruption of lusts in the world
13. Protect your heart by daily presenting yourself to God as a living & holy sacrifice

**You need to practice diligence in self – examination – 2 Pet. 1:10**

Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you

1. Constantly examining your profession of faith in Jesus Christ – gaining assurance of salvation
2. Constantly examine your spiritual thoughts
3. Constantly examine your obedience to God’s Word
4. Constantly examine your growth in the grace & knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ
5. Use the Lord’s day for an extended time for self – examination
6. Examine your life in relation to your family, work, church & friendships
7. Begin each day with self – examination & end each day with self – examination that leads to repentance & confession of sin

1 Cor. 11:28 – but a man must examine himself…

2 Cor. 13:5 – Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith, examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you – unless indeed you fail the test?  **You need to practice diligence in preparing for the Lord Jesus return – 2 Pet. 3:14**

Beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found in Him in peace, spotless and blameless

1. Be diligent to be living in the peace of God in a wicked world waiting for the Lord to return – 1Thess. 5:23
2. Be diligent to be living in holiness in a wicked world waiting for the Lord to return

 1 Tim. 6:14

1. Be diligent to be living unblameable in a wicked world waiting for the Lord to return

 1 Cor. 1:8