

## II Peter 3:11-18 - How to Live in the Last Days

INTRO. Our understanding of Biblical truth must impact our \_\_\_\_\_ lives. The Bible was given to \_\_\_\_\_ our lives!

Every part of our lives is to be marked by holiness and godliness. “Holy” refers to \_\_\_\_\_, “godly” refers to \_\_\_\_\_. “Holy” refers to that which rules my behavior, and “godly” refers to that which rules my heart.

I. BE LIKE CHRIST - MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE SPOTLESS, BLAMELESS, AND AT \_\_\_\_\_ – v. 14

Spotless - toward \_\_\_\_\_ - pure

Blameless - toward \_\_\_\_\_ - morally blameless - pure motives

Don't miss the phrase “make every effort”!

II. SHARE MY \_\_\_\_\_ - REMEMBER THAT GOD'S PATIENCE IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVANGELISM - v. 15 (II Cor. 5:17-21)

II COR. 5:17-21 <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

III. BE ON GUARD - BE ON GUARD AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_ - v. 17  
The warning is clear - we can be led away from the \_\_\_\_\_.

IV. GROW IN \_\_\_\_\_ - GROW IN GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST - v. 18

Phil. 3:10 - AMP - “For my determined purpose is that I may know Him (that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His person more strongly and more clearly)”

How can we do that? II Peter 1:5-8 – “Habits of highly effective Christians” series

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

