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2 Peter 1: 10-14 - The Believer's Adequacy and a Reminder

• 2 Peter 1:10 – “Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;”

- *Therefore (rather) brethren*, what's it there for?
 - What was the theme of what Peter covered in the previous verses?
 - FAITHFUL GROWTH IN THE FAITH!
 - *Rather* is in the ILG but not *even more* – how you think this might affect the interpretation of this phrase?
- What do you think was required of the *brethren* then and us to *be even more diligent to make our call and election sure*?
 - It's living by faith in what God has revealed.
 - Constable – ‘The Christian life is not a list of propositions or a tight theological system; it is a vital relationship to a resurrected Lord.Nowhere in the Bible is a Christian asked to examine either his faith or his life to find out if he is a Christian. He is told only to look outside of himself to Christ alone for his assurance that he is a Christian.’



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- Being *diligent* is imperative and ‘giving *diligence* implies lifelong’ - Alford
- *or if you do these things you will never stumble*
 - Of interest, to *stumble* or *fall* is to become miserable or wretched.
 - *if you do* is one word; what difference would it make if the presumed subjunctive tense *if* is translated as *since*?
 - *But 1 John 3:19 - And by this we know that we are of the truth and shall assure our hearts before Him.*

•2 Peter 1:11 – “for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

- *will be supplied (ministered) to you abundantly (richly)* - future, passive, imperative
 - *Col 3:16 - Let the word of Christ dwell in you **richly**, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*



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- *into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*
 - *1 Peter 1:4 - and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,*
- What do make of this; does this relate to heavenly rewards?
 - Vincent – ‘We are to furnish in our faith: the reward shall be furnished to us.’
 - The alternative: *1Cor 3:15 - If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.*
- ***2 Peter 1:12 – “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.”***
 - Why do you think Peter needed to *remind* (*admonished - future, active, indicative*) them *of these things*; do we need to be *reminded* (*admonished*)?



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What we will see going forward is his concern for false teachers.

2 Peter 3:17 - You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;

- *though you **know** and are established in the present truth*
 - Which translation of *know* are you expecting here?
 - *eido* – to see, perceive fact
 - *ginosko* – to learn to know, understand, experience
 - *epiginosko* – fuller knowledge based on exact or full knowledge
 - Why is being *established in the present truth (truth presented to you)* so very important?
 - *John 14:6 - Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the **truth**, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me."*
 - How does this **truth** affect our day-to-day life?
 - Paul had similar goals
 - *Rom 15:14,15 - I myself am satisfied about you, my brethren, that you yourselves are full of goodness, **filled with all knowledge, and able to instruct one another.** But on some points, I have written to you very boldly*



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by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God.

• 2 Peter 1:13,14 – “Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.

– What is *his tent (tabernacle)*?

- And we are the temple of the Holy Spirit

- 1 Cor 6:19 - *Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?*

- 2 Cor 5:1,4 - *For we know that if our earthly house, this **tent**, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For we who are in this **tent** groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life.*

– Peter wanted to *stir them up!*

- Another use of this verb is telling here.



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- *Mark 4:39 - Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.*
- What is Peter saying here; how much did he know?
 - *shortly (speedily) I must put off my tent* – soon approaching and how?
 - *John 21:18 - "Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; **but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish.**"*
- And Paul had a similar inclination
 - *2 Tim 4:6 - For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand.*
 - What about us?
 - *Phil 1:21,22 - For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell.*
 - **LETS REST IN THIS TRUTH!**