

Finish Well
II Peter 1:12-15
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Summary: Peter stood ready to remind his people of the mighty grace of God. The power of His grace enables us to become partakers of the Divine nature, which is manifested in God-like character and productivity in glorifying the Lord Jesus. Even as this was the right thing to do for Peter, it is for us as well. Near the end of his life, Peter was more concerned about others than himself, and to finish well as a leader by example.

1. A. What was Peter always ready to do, according to II Peter 1:12?

B. What were "these things" which he twice calls for diligence?
II Peter 1:2-10

C. If Peter said that his people were already "established in the truth," why did he sense the importance for them to be reminded? Why is that just as true for us today?
Psalm 119:67, 176, Romans 7:14-8:4, I Peter 2:11, II Peter 1:8-11

2. A. What was a high priority for Peter in his letter?
II Peter 1:13, 3:1

B. What might Peter mean by, "to stir you up by reminder?" What motivated him?
John 21:15-17, II Timothy 1:6-12, I Peter 4:7-11

C. Consider his phrase, "I consider it right." Peter does not express concern about himself or even his own well being. Rather, he was concerned about that which was right. Are you? What are some things which are RIGHT that God holds us accountable for today?
Matthew 4:19, 28:18-20, John 13:34-35, 15:4-5, Ephesians 4:1-3, 4:25-32, Philippians 4:4-7, I Thessalonians 5:15-18

3. A. What did Peter know about his life according to II Peter 1:14?
 - B. How did Peter know, and what might he have learned about this?
John 21:18-19
 - C. Peter appears to have an undertone of (matter of fact) victory for the "laying aside" of his tent; not even a hint of sadness or fear regarding the end of his life. Ever since Jesus said, "Follow Me," both in life as well as in death, that's what Peter did. Do you have that confidence?
Acts 4:13, Ephesians. 3:16, 6:10

4. A. What personal responsibility did Peter focus on according to II Peter 1:15?
 - B. What was the purpose of Peter's diligence here?
Psalm 119:9-11
 - C. Is it your heartbeat to be a leader by example right to the end, like Peter?
Romans 8:28-30, Philippians 1:6, II Timothy 2:1-2, Jude 1:24-25