

Pete's Program for Guaranteed Success

II Peter 1:3-9

The Promise (Guarantee)

Vs. 3 "...his divine power gives us everything we need for living a godly life."

Vs. 4 "...he has given us all of his rich and wonderful promises."

"by them, you might become partakers of the divine nature."

Vs. 8 "...for it these qualities are yours and increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Vs. 10 "...as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble."

The Warning

Vs. 9 "For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted having forgotten his purification..."

The Power

Vs. 3 "...his divine power"

Ephesians 1: 18-21

Ephesians 2: 5, 6

Pete's Obsession

Vs. 12 "Therefore, I shall always be ready to remind you of "these things, even though you already know them..."

Vs. 13 "I consider it right...to stir you up by way of reminder..."

Vs. 14 "...at any time after my death, you will be able to recall these things."

The Application

Vs. 5 "applying all diligence" (NASB), "make every effort to apply (NLT), "make every effort to add (NIV)", "adding your diligence, employ every effort in exercising...(Amplified)"

Greek Background – a prominent citizen who would give lavishly to the performing arts.

The Ladder of Success



Rung One: Faith

Saving Faith – Ephesians 2:8, 9 and Romans 4:21-26 (NLT)

Trusting Faith – Proverbs 3:5, 6

Rung Two: Moral Excellence

Ephesians 2:10, Titus 2:14, I Timothy 2:19

Rung Three: Knowledge

Greek Background – What kind of knowledge? Jeremiah 22:15-17, I John 4:7, III John 11

Why is knowledge so important?

Rung Four: Self-Control

I Timothy 4:7, Galatians 5:23, Matthew 5:5 What is the connection between gentleness, meekness and self-control?

Rung Five: Perseverance (Stead fastness)

I Timothy 4:7, Hebrews 12:2, 3, Can we win at this very crucial point?

Rung Six: Godliness (Piety)

The Book of Psalms, Deuteronomy 6:5 Why is this not the top of the ladder? Why have we not arrived?

Rung Seven: (The Mind Blower) Affection

Romans 12:10, Hebrews 13:1, II Timothy 1:4, I Peter 1:22, Romans 2:31 (The Deadly opposite), Acts 20:17-38

Rung Eight: Love (The true top rung)

I Timothy 1:15

I Corinthians 13:1-3

John 13:34, 35

Romans 13:8-10

I Thessalonians 3:12, 13

I Thessalonians 4: 9. 10

I Peter 1:22

I John 4:7-21

“for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; for in this way the entrance to the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.”

II Peter 1:10, 11