

The Christian Life of the Last Days (or for any day)

1. Greetings (1:1-2)
2. The Development or Cultivation of Christian Character (1:3-21)
 - A. The Christian's Growth. 1:3-11
 - 1). All We Need Is From God. 1:3
 - 2). He Has Invited Us To Partake. 1:4
 - 3). Becoming A Partaker-Parts 1-2. 1:5

C.T./L.T. = Now for this very reason also, having added (PAREISPHERW) all diligence (SPOUD8), in your faith abundantly supply (EPICHOR8GEW) the virtue (ARET8), and in the virtue, the knowledge (GNOSIS),

Summary:

1. Because He has given us all His precious and greatest promises, we are to let them come to fruition in our lives.
2. To begin, we must eagerly seek to let these principles become part of our lives.
3. Diligence means that one has a consistent, sincere and energetic attitude about accomplishing a given task, dedicated
4. That diligent attitude is to supply some things, meaning that we _____ in bringing God's desires to pass in our lives. By faith we are to use those things which God has already given us. Cf 1:3
5. The Christian life begins and ends with Faith. 1 John 5:4-5; Col 2:6; Heb 11:6
 - A. Faith in the right object is the means of Salvation from the penalty for sins. Eph 2:8-10
 - B. Faith is the means of Christ's Indwelling. Eph 3:14-19
 - C. Faith is the means of _____. Rom 3:28
 - D. Faith is the means of _____. Rom 5:1-2
 - E. Faith is the means of Growth and the expression of _____. Rom 1:17
 - F. Our Faith will be _____. Jas 1:2-4
 - G. Only by Faith can we correctly _____ the battles of life. 1 Tim 6:12
 - H. Faith is our _____ in the day of battle. 1 Thes 5:8
 - I. Faith is where godly good Works begins and is the measure of a _____ church. 1Thes 1:3
 - J. Faith is an _____ tool. 1Thes 1:6-8
 - K. Our Faith should be an _____ to others. 1 Tim 4:12

7. In the sphere of our Faith and Virtue we should add “The” Knowledge, which involves a greater exposure to and comprehension of “The” God.
- A. Knowledge of _____ is needed so a person can be saved.
Luke 1:77
 - B. In God’s design, we must be willing to _____ His will to actually know what we know is from Him. John 7:17
 - C. God has given us the knowledge of His _____. 2 Cor 4:6
 - D. All the _____ of knowledge are in Christ Himself. Col 2:1-3
 - E. So we are _____ to grow in the knowledge of our Lord.
2 Pet 3:17-18
 - F. Knowing Christ is worth losing _____ else. Php 3:8
 - G. We can never _____ learning of Christ’s love. Eph 3:17-19
 - H. We are invited to search the _____ of the knowledge of God.
Rom 11:33-34
 - I. Having a knowledge of the truth does not _____ that one will be a virtuous person. Rom 2:17-23; 1 Cor 1:4-5
 - J. We are to use everything God brings our way, including knowledge, to present ourselves as His _____. 2 Cor 6:4-6
 - K. Part of our thanksgiving to God for the knowledge He has given us and presenting ourselves as His servant, is keeping our _____ to others.
2 Cor 8:7
 - L. Knowledge is required before one is able to _____ others.
Rom 15:13-14
 - M. Knowledge without love produces _____. 1 Cor 8:1-3
 - O. Knowledge without consideration _____ others. 1 Cor 8:10-13
 - P. A big part of the _____ battle we face concerns those things which attack the true knowledge of God. 2 Cor 10:3-5
 - Q. _____ is a common method of attack. Luke 11:52
 - R. The world is full of false knowledge, which we are called to _____.
1 Tim 6:20-21

Bearing One Another's Burdens

1. Introduction: Gal 6:1-5
2. The Book of James addresses the role of the individual in the process of restoration. Jas 4:1-10
3. People Are Emotional Beings: How Did Jesus Handle His Emotions?
4. What Triggers Our Emotions?
5. The Usefulness of Emotions: What Can We Learn from Them?
 - A. The _____ of our emotions tells us little more than whether the perceived events in our lives are enjoyable or distressing.
 - B. The _____ of our emotions reveals far more.
 - C. When the way we feel interferes with living in _____ as we should, the evidence is strong that the deep and deceitful processes of the human heart are actively at work.
 - D. Emotions can serve as a _____ light telling us to look inside.
 - E. Feelings that rob me of the energy to keep on in my pursuit of God have their source within me. That means that _____ can be done.
 - F. I may not be able to manufacture pleasant feelings, but I can learn to _____ in a way that will make more of my emotions constructive.
 - G. Maturing in wisdom is a _____ because there is no quick technique for turning off worry and turning on peace.
 - H. _____ in believing God and seeing life from His perspective is a lifelong process that slowly transforms destructive emotions into constructive ones.
 - I. In searching for the problem we must be guided by three sources of data:
 - 1). The _____ of God. Psa 139:23-24
 - 2). The _____ of God. Heb 4:12
 - 3). The _____ of God. Heb 3:13
6. Handling Our Emotions: What Are We to Do with Them?
 - A. Since constructive emotions exist then it follows that we need to pay _____ to them.
 - B. This is not a _____ idea springing from "feel good" psychologists or "prosperity" theology.

- C. Some churches seem to preach a "don't feel" or Stoic theology and especially with such emotions as fear or jealousy. This leads to pretense, denial and _____ relationships.
- D. Denial of reality is _____.
- E. Unbelievers can "stuff" their emotions, so "stuffing" is not part of the _____ of the Holy Spirit.
- F. The first stage of handling emotions is to _____ them.
- 1). When unpleasant feelings emerge, our first tendency is to _____ with no regard for whether they are constructive or destructive. The Sin Nature seeks a way to not feel anything unpleasant.
 - 2). This means that the point of our effort has nothing to do with becoming mature, but rather in seeking emotional _____.
 - 3). When our efforts at comfort are successful and we erase the emotion from our awareness, we not only lose the potential profit of self-examination, but also strengthen a disabling _____ of who we really are.
 - 4). We also weaken our _____ in God and learn to trust Him less.
 - 5). For many Christians, denial has become a _____.
 - 6). Chronic denial as a means of coping leads to a stiffness and rigidity that may for a time masquerade as emotional _____, or maturity.
 - 7). People who deny how they feel can rarely reach in and deeply touch another person's life because they have _____ off deep parts within themselves. Their counsel would recommend to others that they seal themselves off too.
 - 8). Spiritual matters are not measured in terms of emotional _____. Maturity involves the ability to experience our feelings and then either to repent of wrong directions or to trust God more fully.
 - 9). Although emotions are not to control us, they must be felt in order to process them _____.
 - 10). Feeling emotion is not the key to spiritual growth, but is definitely part of the _____.