

Results of Hitting the Target of Love

2 Pet 1:8-9

2 Pet 1:8 = The Results of These Qualities.

C.T./L.T. = For if these things are beginning to exist (HUPARCHW) in you and are increasing (PLEONADZW), they establish you (KATHIST8MI) neither useless (ARGOS) nor unfruitful (AKARPOS) in the true knowledge (EPIGNWSIS) of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Summary:

1. The qualities just listed are _____ of Christian growth.
2. The more they begin to exist in us, through submission to the Holy Spirit, the greater the increase and thus the greater the _____.
3. In conjunction with the growth comes activity and _____.
4. The activity and resulting fruit is a result of a _____ knowledge of Jesus Christ.
5. This “true knowledge” of Jesus Christ consists of these qualities taking over more and more of our _____.
6. The “true knowledge” of Jesus Christ has the target of _____.
7. The “true knowledge” of Jesus Christ will make us _____ fruitful.
8. The _____ of all of these qualities is found in the Lord Himself.

2 Pet 1:9 = The Results of Lack Of These Qualities.

C.T./L.T. = For to the one to whom these things are not present (M8 + PAREIMI) is blindness (TUPHLOS) or short-sightedness (MUWPADZW), having received forgetfulness (LAMBANW + L8PH8) of the purification (KATHARISMOS) from his former sins.

Summary:

1. Lack of these qualities denotes spiritual _____ because one has drank from the river of forgetfulness.
2. Specifically in view is forgetting one’s _____ from former sins.
 - A. Under the Mosaic Law there were various _____ denoting purification of sins. Mark 1:44; Luke 2:22; 5:14; John 2:6; 3:25

- B. The Messiah, Jesus Christ, made the _____ of sins on our behalf. Heb 1:1-4
3. So if these qualities are not _____ in us we have forgotten what the Lord did for us, and the cost.
 4. Forgetting what the Lord has done for us renders us _____ in the spiritual darkness of the world. 1 John 2:9-11
 5. This blindness is the desire of _____. 2 Cor 4:1-6
 6. Jesus is in the business of _____ blindness. Matt 11:5
 7. What is spiritual blindness?
 - A. When the things of this world become more important than our _____ with God. Matt 23:16-19
 - B. When we miss the essential things of the Christian life and _____ for the non-essentials. Matt 23:24; 2 Pet 1:5-7
 - C. When we are more concerned with our outer _____ than with our corrupted soul. Matt 23:26
 8. Blindness is often manifested in _____. Matt 15:13-14
 9. This blind arrogance _____ God and harms the Christian witness. Rom 2:17-24
 10. A spiritually short-sighted person is one who lacks divine _____ in life, as they can only see what is near.
 11. This type of person is controlled by the circumstances of life and makes decisions that lack _____.
 12. It lends itself to a life of _____, not faith.
 13. Some advice to the church of the _____ days. Rev 3:15-19

Encouraging One Another

1. Introduction:

2. We Must Meet Together

- A. There are many words used in the New Testament to describe the functioning Body of Christ and what Believers are to do for another, but no word is more frequently used than PARAKALEW (109x), meaning to "call alongside."
- B. Encouraging One Another-The Setting.
- C. Encouraging One Another-The Objectives.
- D. Encouraging One Another-The Elements.
- E. We need to Encourage One Another to Approach God.
- F. We need to Encourage One Another to Endure.

- G. We need to consider how to stimulate One Another to _____.
 - 1. To do this we must first consider the " _____ in our own eye." Matt 7:3
 - 2. If we can even consider nature, we can see God's _____ and therefore do not seek anything but the Kingdom of Heaven. Luke 12:24-32
 - 3. We must consider God's _____, not our own human limitations. Rom 4:19
 - 4. The first thing we had better do is consider _____. Heb 3:1
 - 5. We need to not forget what we look like after we have looked in the _____ of the Word. Jas 1:23-24

3. The Great Encourager:

- A. The reason that it is possible for Christians to meet together for mutual Encouragement is because we have _____ who will lead us in this endeavor.
- B. But it actually goes beyond just that and is better understood in light of an important _____ Jesus had with the apostles shortly before His death as they were gathered in the Upper Room for the Passover.
- C. Several things happened that evening that deeply disturbed and troubled them.
 - 1. Jesus insisted on _____. John 13:1-17
 - 2. Christ had revealed to John that Judas would _____ Him. John 13:18-26
 - 3. Jesus told His men He was going to _____ them. John 13:33,36; 14:1-3
 - 4. Jesus told Peter that he would _____ Him. John 13:37-38