“Applying All Diligence” Pt. II

Intro: This is what our ________ and gracious Lord desires for us - that the godly ____________ of moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love ___ ________ - and increasingly so!

A. “For if these qualities are yours ...” or as the KJV puts it, “____ ____ _________...”

1. This speaks of God’s part! Let us understand that these Christ-like qualities do not come to us naturally, but that if they are ours that they “be in us” by the divine and sovereign will of ______ as He has ________ them to us.

B. “For if these qualities are yours and are ____________ ...”

1. This speaks of _____ part - the increasing is our ________ to which we must give the earnest effort. Once again we have this picture of us ____________ with God.

2. God has given it to mankind to ____________ what He has granted (cf. Gen. 2:8-9 & 15!)

   a. In a very real and powerful sense, the ________ expended in cultivating (as God has given it to mankind to do) that which God grants is a demonstration of our recognition and _______________ of the gifts He gives.

I. The ______________ we can’t deny.

A. If indeed God has granted us the Christly qualities of ________ excellence, knowledge, self-control, love, etc., then the ____________ of them to our lives will neither render us useless nor unfruitful.

   1. “Useless” means “_______, stagnate” and refers to that which is “______________ and unserviceable.”

   2. “Unfruitful” means “bearing no fruit” which in the N.T. equates to ____________.

B. It is the __________ ______ that we be useful and fruitful, and that by diligently applying ourselves to the fruit that is in keeping with repentance - which for the purpose of our study today equates to our “applying all diligence, and in our faith supplying moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and _________!” These qualities are the of salvation!

C. If indeed the good seed of the Word of God (the true knowledge of our Lord) has fallen on hearts of good soil, then there will be undeniable _______________; that is, the _______ ________ of right living, godliness, self-control, and love.
1. _______________ and godliness is the evidence we can’t deny for such _______________ whether we are of the __________ or not.

D. We cannot deny this evidence - the one who lacks these qualities is either _______________; or short-sighted having _______________ his purification from his former sins! 2 Cor 13:5, “Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; _______________ yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about _______________, that Jesus Christ is in you-- unless indeed you fail the test?”

II. The _______________ upon which we rely.

A. Be all the more diligent to _______________ in real time, with certainty, the fact that _____ _______________ and choose you before He laid the foundation of the World.

B. And the _______________ that accompanies this is: that “as long as you _______________ these things, you will never stumble.”

  1. This is the _______________ upon which we rely - that God promises that as long as we live our life by daily and diligently applying these qualities, we will _______________ _______________.

C. For in _______________ - in the living of your life in godliness by diligently applying these qualities to your life - our Lord has _______________ supplied everything you need that you might _______________ unashamedly into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

  1. This is the _______________ upon which we rely: that as we live as He desires, diligently applying these qualities to the living of our life, we will realize just how abundantly He has _______________ for us that we might enter His eternal _______________.

**Conclusion:** “For this very _______________.” because God granted us the faith received, and everything we need for life and godliness, and His precious and magnificent promises, we can participate in His divine nature while escaping the corrupt influence of this sin-laden world. And, as _____ diligently by giving our best efforts in supplying these qualities, living a right life of godliness; and as we do, we will find that the _______________ into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly _______________ to us.

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