

Giving Diligence to Grow

My Personal Commitment

A Personalized Paraphrase of II Peter 1:1-21; 3:18

Whereas, like Peter and the apostles of old, I am today a servant of Jesus Christ, having obtained "like precious faith"...through the righteousness of God and my Savior Jesus Christ;

Whereas grace and peace have been multiplied unto me through the knowledge of God and of Jesus my Lord;

Whereas His divine power has given unto me all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him Who has called me to glory and virtue;

Whereas, by His own glory and virtue, He has given unto me exceeding great and precious promises, in order that by these I might be a partaker of the Divine nature,

Whereas He has made it possible for me to have escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust;

I, therefore, covenant with the Lord and with myself, that beside all this that He has given unto me, I will give all diligence to add those Godly attributes and attitudes that He has both exemplified and provided for me through His grace, in order that they may be in me and may increasingly abound to the fruitfulness of Christian maturity and Godly character, lest I should be idle, barren, and unfruitful in the knowledge of my Lord Jesus Christ.

I covenant to give all diligence, to be eager, and to studiously endeavor
to add to my faith, virtue;
and to virtue, knowledge;
and to knowledge, temperance, that is, self-control;
and to temperance, patience and endurance;
and to patience, godliness;
and to godliness, brotherly kindness;
and to brotherly kindness, charity.

I know that if I lack these things I will be blind and shortsighted, unable to see afar off, and will forget that I have been purged and cleansed from my old sins of the past.

I choose rather to give diligence to make my calling and my election sure.

I am assured by His word that if I do these things, I will never stumble nor fall, for so an entrance shall be given to me abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Wherefore, I appeal to those who are over me in the Lord not to be negligent to put me always in remembrance of these things, although I myself know them and am established in present truth. I think it proper, as long as they are in their earthly tabernacles, to stir me up by putting me in remembrance, so that even when they are deceased, I will have these things always in remembrance, since they have not followed cunningly devised fables or cleverly designed myths, but have spoken those truths which were passed to us through the first apostles, who were eyewitnesses of His majesty and who made known unto us the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I also acknowledge that we have also a more sure word of prophecy, the written word of God, and that I cannot give private interpretation to any Scripture, which came not by the will of man, but as holy men were moved by the Holy Spirit. (I therefore pledge not to adjust or privately interpret Scripture to accommodate my flesh, my will, nor my weaknesses, but rather to seek to be adjusted by the Scripture to the will of God.)

By so doing, I shall grow in grace and in the knowledge of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and for ever, Amen.

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____