

Last Words on Spiritual Growth

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Questions: If you knew you were going to die today, what would be your last words? What would you want your last words to be if you die in your old age? Would they be different?

Read 2 Peter 1:14-15

Peter's last words are in this second letter in 3 chapters:

1. You need to grow spiritually
2. You need to discern truth
3. You need to know how it's all going to end.

Read 2 Peter 1:1

Questions: What are some truths that are highlighted to you in this verse? How is "justice and fairness" found in Jesus? How does that translate into and affect the cry for justice that we are hearing in our world today?

Human equality is a primary Christian value.

Resource book:

"Beyond Racial Gridlock" by George Yancey

Read 2 Peter 1:2

**We have equal spiritual privilege
But we don't all have spiritual maturity.**

Knowledge in "Western" understanding =
facts and information

Knowledge in "Eastern" understanding =
lived experience

Questions: How does your approach to knowledge reflect in one of these tendencies? How does that influence "growing in the knowledge of God"?

Read Peter's version of the fruit of the Spirit in 2 Peter 1:5-9

**It's not just what you know,
it's what you do with what you know.**

Read and challenge yourself and another person to **memorize** 2 Peter 1:3.

Questions: Give an example in your life when you know God gave you what you needed to live a godly life. How does making every effort to respond to the promises of God look in your life today?