

**Be a partner with God to finish what He has started I Pet 1:8-11**

I Pet 1:8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**1. If \_\_\_\_\_ be in you (shared with you in your relationship with God)**

- \_\_\_ Genuine living faith in Jesus
- \_\_\_ Willingness to be shaped by God to be different from what you were
- \_\_\_ A practiced hunger to know about God so you can better know God
- \_\_\_ Choosing supernatural self-control to overcome the downward pull of the flesh
- \_\_\_ Willing to trust God through the trials He sends you, allowing Him to use (trials) to develop you
- \_\_\_ Welcoming God's character in to replace your flawed natural born character
- \_\_\_ Willing to have compassion and understanding the needs of others
- \_\_\_ Love

**Abound** – don't impose limitations on God

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful**

Barren- inactive, unemployed, without usefulness, idle,  
Unfruitful- no fruit

**3. He that lacks these things**

9 But he that lacks \_\_\_\_\_ is blind, and cannot see afar off, and has forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

Blind

Short-sighted—*near sighted* or eyes shut so he doesn't have to see what he should  
Has chosen to forget that he was cleansed and purged from the sins of the past (therefore prone to repeat them)

**4. Wherefore, rather** (Since these things are true)

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Become diligent To make** (to make for yourselves).

**A sure Calling and election** (the invitation and actual acceptance)

Phil 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Perfective use of *kata* (down) in composition, work on to the finish. This exhortation assumes human free agency in the carrying on the work of one's salvation.(RWP)

**For if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:**

**Growing in your relationship with God will distribute and administer richly an entering in**

Into the eternal kingdom- active, extended

-And the coming permanent

**LORD AND SAVIOR Jesus Christ**