

# Feeding Your Soul

P a r a g r a p h S t u d y

2 Peter  
1:12-15  
GQ

## Observation What Do I See?

**1** Mark up the paragraph below with colors and symbols about what you notice.

12 Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you already know them, and have been established in the truth which is present with you. 13 I consider it right, as long as I am in this earthly dwelling, to stir you up

by way of reminder, 14 knowing that the laying aside of my earthly dwelling is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. 15 And I will also be diligent that at any time after my departure you will be able to call these things to mind.

### Ideas for mark-up

- God
- Jesus Christ
- Holy Spirit
- Repeated Words/Ideas/Subjects
- Commands (e.g., put aside, pray without ceasing, etc.)
- Lists (e.g., characteristics, sins, promises, etc.)
- Connecting words (e.g., for, yet, therefore, nor/or, but, so, and)
- Actions/Verbs
- Comparisons (e.g., like or as)
- Contrasts (e.g., light or dark)
- Warnings or Promises

**2** Write what you learned about the Father, Son, and/or Holy Spirit.

**3** What did you learn about what you marked up? Write any questions you have about this text.

# Interpretation What Does It Mean?

**4** Compare translations highlighting any major differences in word choices.

NASB	ESV	NIV
<p>12 Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you already know them, and have been established in the truth which is present with you. 13 I consider it right, as long as I am in this earthly dwelling, to stir you up by way of reminder, 14 knowing that the laying aside of my earthly dwelling is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. 15 And I will also be diligent that at any time after my departure you will be able to call these things to mind.</p>	<p>12 Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. 13 I think it right, as long as I am in this body to stir you up by way of reminder,14 since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. 15 And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.</p>	<p>12 So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. 13 I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body,14 because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. 15 And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.</p>

# Interpretation What Does It Mean?

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1. What is Peter ready to remind his readers?
2. Even though Peter feels it is necessary to remind the believers of spiritual truths, what observations does he make about those to whom he's writing (verse 12)?
3. Peter makes an even stronger statement about the ministry of reminding in verse 13. From verse 13, what is his goal in reminding believers of the biblical truths of verses 1-11?
4. Why does Peter feel such urgency to keep reminding his readers of biblical truths (verses 13-14)?
5. What had Jesus told Peter about his death? See Jn. 13:36; 21:18-19.
6. What ministry goal does Peter reveal in verse 15? Based on verses 1-15, how does Peter plan to accomplish that goal?
7. Peter had a plan for building into those he ministered to. What about you? Do you have ministry goals for those the Lord has brought into your sphere of influence? If so, what are they and how do you plan to accomplish those goals? If not, start now by thinking of one person in your life and consider how you can encourage them to grow spiritually.

# Application What Does It Mean for Me?

**12** Based on the principles you discovered in this passage, in what ways can you express love to God and to your neighbor? What truths must you personalize?

**E x a m p l e s** Are there any positive examples to follow or negative ones to avoid?

**P r o m i s e s** Are there any promises on which to meditate?

**I d e n t i t y** Are there any verses that remind me of who I am in Christ?

**C o m m a n d s** Are there any commands to follow?

**S i n s t o A v o i d** Are there any sins to avoid?

<i>Examples</i>	
<i>Promises</i>	
<i>Identity</i>	
<i>Commands</i>	
<i>Sins to Avoid</i>	

## Implementation

What Steps Do I  
Need to Take?

- 13 Write at least one step you will take in order to apply what you have learned.

## Consultation

What Truths Did Others Find in  
This Passage?

- 14 Write down anything you learned from a commentary you read or sermon you enjoyed.