

# Feeding Your Soul

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

2 Peter  
1:8-11  
GQ

## Observation What Do I See?

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

8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>9</sup> For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, brethren, be

all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; <sup>11</sup> for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

### 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>8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. 10 Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; 11 for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.</p>	<p>8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. 10 Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. 11 For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.</p> <p>10 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.</p>

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16. Peter begins verse 10 with therefore. Explain what Peter's train of thought is from the previous verses as he moves into verse 10.

17. How can you tell if you are called and chosen by God according to verses 4- 10? See also 2 Cor. 13:5.

18. Why won't you stumble if you practice these things? See Ps. 37:24; Jn. 10:28- 29; Rom. 8:38-39; 1 Cor. 1:8; Phil. 1:6; 1 Pet. 1:5; 2 Pet. 1:3, 8.

19. If you are faithful to apply all diligence to your faith which was granted to you by God and to persevere in the Christian life, what will the end result be (verse 11)? See Jude 24 for an illustration of this truth.

20. Peter is not alone in telling us to be diligent in our walks. Look up the following verses about Christian growth. What do you learn? See 1 Cor. 15:10; Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Thess. 3:12; 4:1.

21. Peter urges us to continue to grow, to continue to persevere, to show fruit, and to be useful for the kingdom of God. These verses exhort us to examine our lives, to chop away at sin and strengthen weak areas, to excel still more. Are you? Are these qualities yours and are they increasing in your life?

# 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.