

Feeding Your Soul

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

2 Peter
1:8-11

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.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.

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?

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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>

Interpretation What Does It Mean?

5 In what way(s) did your understanding of the paragraph grow after reading all three translations?

6 Define any words with which you are unfamiliar or unclear from the translations.

<i>Word</i>	<i>Strong's #</i>	<i>Definition</i>

- 7 In your own words, summarize the paragraph using the main idea(s) that were communicated. *Optional: Make a diagram of how the phrases and clauses in this paragraph relate.*

S u m m a r y :

- 8 Why did the author write this paragraph in this particular place in the book? How does it relate to the previous paragraph(s)?

- 9 What are the principle(s) you learned that are not only true for the original audience, but also for believers today?
- 10 Are there any Old Testament references? If so, read the Old Testament passage and write why you think the author used it in this paragraph.
- 11 Do any of the topics/themes in this passage make you think of other passages in the Bible that talk about the same things? If so, write them below.

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.