

Scripture: 2 Peter 1 Focus on 2 Peter 1:1-11
Singing: 229:1, 3, 6 – 312:1-5 – 55:1-3 – 175:1, 4

Intro: Godliness has a double promise! (1 Tim. 4:7-8)

The Lord promises that your diligence as a Christian will be richly blessed

I. Did God gift you as a lost sinner with the gift of His salvation work?

A. God describes His gift of salvation as an exquisite diamond: 1-4

II. What will a neglect of God's gift of salvation do to you spiritually?

A. As the Christians Peter wrote, you will not be thriving: 8-9; 10b

III. If you don't thrive spiritually, you need to heed the Spirit's directions

A. God's promise (vs. 11) is linked to the *discipline of diligence*

1. False teachers taught *indulgent* Christian living (Ch. 2)

2. The Savior's direction teaches us *to give all diligence* (5, 10)

a. define *add* (vs. 5) – *do these things* (vs. 10)

b. what to add is specified with *seven particulars* (5-7)

c. if you lack these things, there are 3 possible conditions (9)

- blind
- near-sighted
- unassured

IV. To encourage you, ponder God's promise upon disciplined diligence (11)

Man's holiness is now his greatest happiness on earth, and in heaven man's
greatest happiness will be his perfect holiness.

Hence holiness has its own rewards.

(T. Brooks)



AS YOU WAIT ...

1. These people are happy gathering fruit and vegetables. Tick what is needed to get a good harvest.

- ☐ lots of luck
- ☐ hard work
- ☐ God's blessing on your work
- ☐ wise choices
- ☐ people helping others
- ☐ hope for the best while you are lazy
- ☐ nothing will help: God needs to give it

AS YOU LISTEN ...

2. Why did Peter write his second letter?

3. Peter described God's salvation in His people with 8 things. Can you list 2?

4. What will happen if we are lazy at school?

What will happen if we are lazy about salvation?

5. God told us look at animals and to learn how to be diligent. Which ones and what are we to learn from them?

6. Why are so many married people still so unhappy?

7. Why are so many of the Lord's people unhappy?

8. Peter listed *seven add-ons* to faith. Can you list as many as possible?

AS YOU GO HOME ...

9. Ask your parents or siblings what they learned from the sermon.

10. What changes will you make this week as result of what you learned?