

GROWING A GODLY LIFESTYLE—8

2 Peter 1:8-10

Introduction--It is here that Peter put in retrospect the impact of “*These things . . .*” Note how “*These things . . .*” stand out in this passage:

I. FIRST, NOTE THE _____ *ABOUNDING IN “THESE THINGS.”* (2 Peter 2:8).

- A. First, he will not be _____ (1:8c) “. . . *they make you that ye shall neither be barren . . .*”
- B. Secondly, he will not be _____ (1:8d) “. . . *nor unfruitful . . .*”

II. SECONDLY, NOTICE THE _____ FOR LACKING “*THESE THINGS*”.

Notice four reasons for spiritual blindness:

- A. First, blindness comes from _____ (Revelation 3:14-22)
- B. Secondly, blindness comes from _____ (1 John 2:10-11) (note especially verse 11).
- C. Thirdly, blindness comes from not _____ “*these things*” (2 Peter 2:9).
- D. Fourthly, blindness comes from a _____ (Mark 8:17-18).

III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER THE _____ FOR NOT DOING “*THESE THINGS*.”

- A. First, note the trap of _____ (Proverbs 11:28; 1 Timothy 6:9).
- B. Secondly notice the trap of _____ (Proverbs 16:18; 1 Timothy 3:6).
- C. Thirdly, consider the trap of _____ (Proverbs 11:5; 24:16)
- D. Fourthly, take note of the trap of _____ (Proverbs 11:14).
- E. Fifthly, what about the trap of _____ others to fall? (Proverbs 26:27; 28:10).

The phrase “*these things*” is mentioned five times in the context. The last two times the Bible emphasizes the importance of remembering “*these things*”:

2 Peter 1:12— “*Wherefore, I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.*”

2 Peter 1:15— “*Moreover, I will endeavor that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.*”