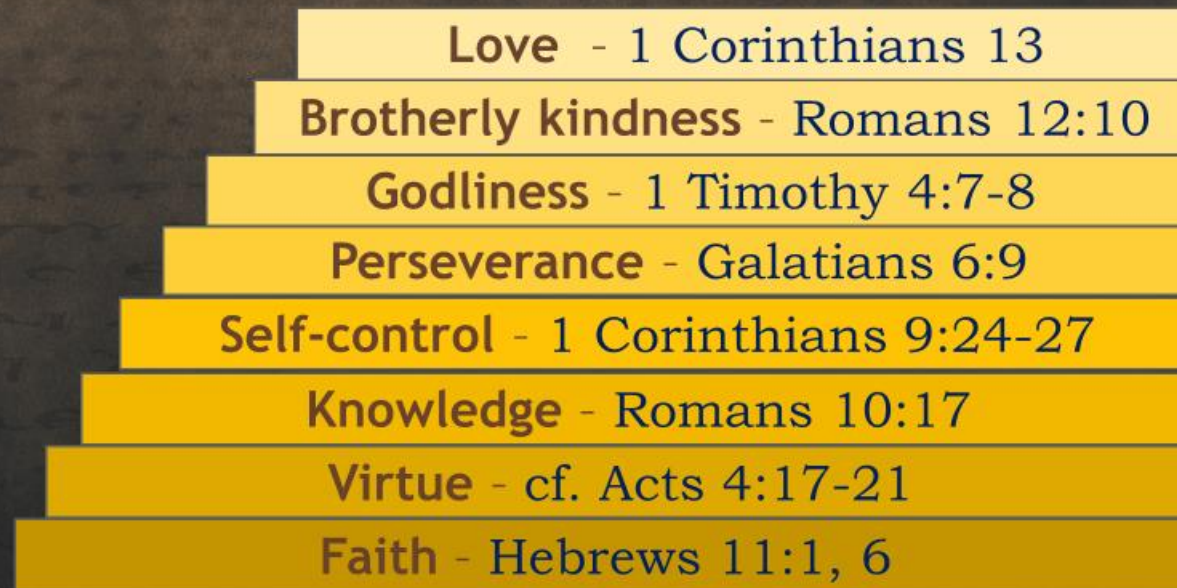


Studies in 2 Peter  
Peter's Pending Departure  
**2 Peter 1:12-15**

## 2 Peter - Previously

- Having established our need to build upon our faith to help protect us from stumbling



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| Love - 1 Corinthians 13              |
| Brotherly kindness - Romans 12:10    |
| Godliness - 1 Timothy 4:7-8          |
| Perseverance - Galatians 6:9         |
| Self-control - 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 |
| Knowledge - Romans 10:17             |
| Virtue - cf. Acts 4:17-21            |
| Faith - Hebrews 11:1, 6              |

Peter now gives a personal appeal

# He will not be negligent to remind... 1:12

- Concerning reminders:
- *Not negligent* - to not care or be concerned, to neglect or disregard a duty.
- We have responsibilities - we need to carry them out.
- True spiritually as well - **Hebrews 2:3,**  
**1 Timothy 4:14, 2 Corinthians 5:10-11,**  
**1 Corinthians 9:16, etc.**
- The gospel is about caring - teachers will be accountable - **James 3:1**

# He will not be negligent to remind... 1:12

- Concerning reminders:
- *Reminders* - this was teachings they should have already known and understood.
- Remind found 3x in this context
- We need reminding from time to time!

**Hebrews 5:12**

**John 14:26** – Jesus promised the H.S.

**2 Timothy 2:14** - Paul urges Timothy

# He will not be negligent to remind... 1:12

- Concerning reminders:
- *Reminders* - especially needed when we begin to drift!
- If a preacher sees weakness or vulnerabilities, he needs to teach, even if it is basic

## **Hebrews 2:1**

- NOTE: While something might be a reminder to you, for others it might be their first time!

## He will not be negligent to remind... 1:12

- Concerning reminders:
- *Present truth* - something they already possessed!  
“*The truth which is present with you*” (NASB)  
“*Established in the truth you have*” (ESV)
- Peter, and likely others, had been teaching and grounding, but he sensed danger  
**cf. Galatians 1:6-7**

## He will not be negligent to remind... 1:13

- Concerning reminders:
- *I think it right* - Peter knows this is the right thing to do - the right thing to say to them. The word implies a sense of obligation.
- Recall Paul's admonition to Timothy -  
**2 Timothy 4:2-3**
- Peter was an apostle whose job was to execute and activate the "great commission" -  
**Matthew 28:19-20**

## His time of departure is near... **1:12-14**

- *As long as I am in this tent* - noting the temporal nature of being here
- Consider **2 Corinthians 5:1, 4**  
(Peter will acknowledge Paul's writings - **2 Peter 3:15-16**)
- Recall we are "sojourners and pilgrims" -  
**1 Peter 2:11, 1:1**



## His time of departure is near... 1:12-14

- *As long as I am in this tent... shortly I must put off my tent* - Peter knows his time is limited
- Much like Paul - **2 Timothy 4:6**
- Jesus prepared his disciples - **John 13-16**
- *Just as the Lord showed me* - either:
  - Remembering - **John 21:18-19**
  - OR an appearance by the Lord in some way  
**cf. Ephesians 3:3, Acts 22:15, 11:7-8, etc.**

## His time of departure is near... 1:12-14

- *As long as I am in this tent...*
- We do not retire from our spiritual obligations as long as we are here!
- Consider the admonition of Jesus - **John 9:4**
- **Philippians 1:19-26** – Paul's desire to depart, but to remain...  
**Revelation 2:10** – be faithful until death

## His time of departure is near... 1:12-14

- *As long as I am in this tent... to stir you up*
- A desire to provoke - How? By provoking them  
The purpose of preaching is to storm the will (not just informing, but motivating , cf. **Acts 2:37, etc.**)

## Always have a reminder ... 1:15

- *I will be careful to ensure you always have a reminder -*
- Peter knows his time is limited, but he is NOT done!  
He desires to ensure God's message is preserved.
- Both oral and written teaching have their place

## Always have a reminder ... 1:15

- *I will be careful to ensure you always have a reminder -*
- Oral teaching - message conveyed immediately; questions can be asked & answered.  
Non-verbal cues factor in  
BUT, easier to forget, misunderstand or accurately pass on

## Always have a reminder ... 1:15

- *I will be careful to ensure you always have a reminder -*
  - Written teaching - you have a record that can be referred to over and over. Available later (even after one's decease).
    - Well written communication is clear and carefully recorded
    - Can be revised or edited
    - Can reach a wider audience
- BUT, a challenge to clarify what is misunderstood.  
There can be delay in delivering the message.

## Always have a reminder ... 1:15

- *I will be careful to ensure you always have a reminder -*
- WE have God's word because it was written down!  
At first it was spoken, and then written down  
(**cf. Jude 3, Ephesians 3:3**)
- Consider the power of the written word -  
**2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 4:12, Ephesians 6:17, Romans 1:16, etc.**

## Always have a reminder ... 1:15

- *I will be careful to ensure you always have a reminder - after my decease*
- Peter's writings live on! **1 Peter 1:24-25**
- Decease (departure) - ἔξοδος (exodus)
- **Hebrews 11:4**
- A recent illustration - Matthew W. Bassford - a gospel preacher, hymn writer and author. After his passing (October 25, 2023), a final article that he wrote was posted, based on **Hebrews 13:7**



When the time of your  
departure comes, how  
will you be  
remembered?

**Hebrews 11:4**

Let us pray!