Chapter 1 – The Sure Christian Life

An encouragement to know God and what He has done for us.

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**#1 The Christian New Life in Jesus vv1-4**

Peter is afraid to see the Christian faint in their walk God!

V1 “To them that have obtained like precious faith with us…”

**The Christian is saved to do ministry!**

* 2 Cor. 4:1-2 “Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, **we faint not.** But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

1. *We are servants of God by His mercy*– Ref -2 Tim 4:11, Heb. 1:14
2. *We faint not because God is renewing us inwardly* –Ref. 2 Cor.4:16
3. *We renounce hidden dishonesty – Acts 6:3, 2 Cor.8:21*
4. *We don’t walk crafty/with tricks* –Ref. Luke 20:23
5. *We don’t handle God’s word deceitfully /to ensnare.* 1 Thess. 2:3-7
6. *We manifest ourselves to be of the Truth to everyman before God.* Ref. Mark 5:33,

**#2 The Christian Diligence for Jesus vv5-8**

1. ***By Developing God’s Qualities***
2. **Virtue** – This quality has been explained as “excellence with energy”, it also include the praise of God by the Child of God. 1Pe 2:9 “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; *that ye should shew forth the praises of him* who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:
3. **Knowledge** – A reference to moral discernment. This discernment comes from a study of the bible. 2Ti 2:15 “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
4. **Temperance** – Self-control. Pro. 16:32 “He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.
5. **Patience –** godly and gracious endurance
6. **Godliness - a right worship and devotion to God.**
7. **Kindness – acts of goodness.**
8. **Charity - a love for saints, sinners, scriptures and the Savior.**