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1. God's Plan v. 3-4

- Christ's Power v.3a
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2. Our Part v. 5-10

- Move Quickly v.5a
- Follow His Process v.5b -7
- 7 Supplements to Your Faith
 - 1) Virtue
 - 2) Knowledge
 - 3) Self-Control
 - 4) Steadfastness
 - 5) Godliness
 - 6) Brotherly Affection
 - 7) Love
- Evaluate Your Effectiveness v.8-9
- Make It Yours! v.10

3. God's Provision v. 11

- Our Eternal Assurance v.11

QUESTIONS:

1. Do you see in verse 3 how Christ has called us to himself through his OWN power? Philippians 3:21 talks about Jesus glorifying us "by the power that enables him to subject all things to himself."

Discuss the power of Jesus Christ. Discuss how he is his OWN power source. Most of us struggle in one way or another with fully realizing how to rely on Jesus as our power source. In what ways do you struggle? How can the power of Christ be shown in your life? (think about the items in v. 5-7)

Additional Scripture

Eph. 6:10; Phil. 3:21

2. Looking at v. 5-7, in what way do you sometimes get the order of these qualities mixed up? Do you struggle with Self-Control? Do you struggle in increasing in Knowledge? Do you struggle in Brotherly Affection?

Talk about v. 8 and how it says that in order to be EFFECTIVE and FRUITFUL we should see these qualities increasing. How can you measure Effectiveness and Fruitfulness in your life? (This reflection should drive your spiritual goals and prayer life... i.e., “God help me increase in my Self-Control”, or “God help me increase my Brotherly Affection”, or “God show me by your Spirit the areas I am weak in.”)

Additional Scripture

James 1:2-4; Psalm 23; Psalm 46; Psalm 86

3. Concerning v. 10, we should all understand that we are engaged in a real war! We must understand that we were born captive, but have been set free by our faith in Christ. God calls us to be MORE DILIGENT!

Is being DILIGENT in your walk with Christ hard for you? If so, why?

Additional Scripture

Col. 1:13; 2 Timothy 2:25, 26; Luke 4:18; Eph. 6:10

