

LIVING CONFIDENTLY

The Book of 2 Peter, #4

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(2 Peter 1:8–10, NLT) *“The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins. So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away.”*

1. We must fully cooperate with God diligently developing each characteristic.

2. Christ’s salvation of our soul changes us. In turn we change the world by growing in maturity.

(2 Corinthians 5:17, NLT) *“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!”*

(2 Peter 1:8, Message) *“With these qualities active and growing in your lives, no grass will grow under your feet, no day will pass without its reward as you mature in your experience of our Master Jesus.”*

3. If we close our eyes to God’s Word, our ears to the preaching of the Word, and the Holy Spirit’s guidance through the Word, we will forget who we are.

(1 Corinthians 1:21, NLT) *“Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe.”*

(2 Peter 1:9, NLT) *“But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins.”*

4. God wants me to know that my sins have been forgiven!

(2 Peter 1:10, NLT) *“So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away.”*

(1 John 5:11, NLT) *“And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.”*

A. God promises forgiveness.

(2 Timothy 1:12b, NLT) *“... I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return.”*

B. Knowing that I’m saved makes me a more influential witness for Christ.

(Nehemiah 8:10, Message) *“The joy of God is your strength!”*

GROWTHWORK

(2 Peter 1:10, NLT) *“Do these things, and you will never fall away.”*

Keep your eyes on Jesus and you will never fall away.

(Matthew 14:28–29, NLT) *“Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus.”*

Stay in His presence through prayer, praise and worship.

- 1. Love truth.**
- 2. Love their neighbors.**
- 3. Love righteousness.**
- 4. Keeps their promises.**
- 5. Loves sacrificially.**