

Transforming Daily

“ . . . neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . ”
2 Peter 1:8

Peter continues in 2 Peter with encouragement, warning, and admonition for believers to guard themselves from false teachers and false doctrine that serves to undermine their faith, confidence, and purpose in Christ. As the gospel spreads and the number of converts rises, the level of intensity against the church rises. The most familiar form of attack by the enemy is that of false teaching, especially against the gospel. Peter reminds the believers just how important it is for them to remain faithful, devoted, committed, and consecrated to Christ.

As an incentive, and a means of comparative value for the effort, Peter emphasizes his message by telling the church that he will soon die “just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me” (1:14). The implication is that Peter’s service for Christ has been worth the journey. Accordingly, other believer’s should take on the same attitude toward ministry and service. The believer’s life will be spent doing something. Make it worth the journey, and there is nothing more worthy than serving the Lord Jesus Christ.

The other day my wife and I came across a bio about an old family friend. We read it, and because of our former relationship with this individual, we were guardedly happy for him. However, as impressive as his resume is now, it is nothing compared to what it was, and what it could have been, had he stayed with his wife and children, serving in a local church ministry. I could go into all the details of why he left his wife, children and church, but suffice it to say it wasn’t for the glory of God. He still uses the talents and gifts that God gave him for ministry, but not in the way Scripture indicates that they should be used. After reading this impressive resume my wife said, “Interesting, but all for naught.” What she meant was, just think of what he could have been doing, and could be doing, for the kingdom of God and the cause of Christ.

What about you? Are you doing all that you can do in ministry? Do you look for ways to serve God? Are you taken aback by the false teachings of others because of your lack of biblical understanding? Have you developed a discipline for daily prayer, Bible reading, soul winning and service? It’s not too late to begin because the diligent believer is to be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.