

Choosing Honor

2 Peter 1:3-8 Paraphrase

God's power gives us all we need to live a godly life through knowing Jesus.

We access His nature through His amazing promises.

For this reason be diligent to add to your belief system a holy lifestyle so you'll be fruitful.

(2Ti 2:19-21) ¹⁹Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity." ²⁰But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. ²¹Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

We can decide to choose honor.

context: culture of dishonor

(2Ti 3:1-5) ¹But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ²For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!



Decisions:

1. Believe Jesus (Rom 10:9, Jn 3:16, 14:6)
dangerous to stop here (2 Tim 2:19, Jam 2:17)
2. Live His Way (Lk 6:46)
define holiness
3. Accept His Mission (2 Tim 2:21, Eph 2:10)
4. Depend on Him (2 Cor 5:7)
(Jn 7:38) define fullness (Eph 3:19, 4:13)
ex: Holy Spirit Baptism

(Jn 15:4-5) ⁴“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

Guaranteed Fruitfulness through Relationship

Decisions – God won't start without us.

Dependence – We can't finish without Him.