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who *desire*
INTIMACY with God,

who are *developing* our
IDENTITY in Christ,

and who are *determined* to
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So I will always remind you of these things . . .

I think it is right to refresh your memory . . .

I will make every effort to see that . . . you will always be able to remember these things.

(2 Peter 1:12, 13, 15)

I. REMEMBER THIS: Your faith in Jesus Christ is supposed to be **ALIVE!**

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)*

Contrast with James 2:17; 2 Timothy 3:5; and Hebrews 6:4-6

*His divine power has given us everything we need for **life and godliness** through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 2 Peter 1:3 (NIV)*

Two words for life:

1. **bios:** organic, biological life possessed by all living things

2. **zoe:** the life that God gives by His Spirit to His children

*We were also given absolutely terrific promises to pass on to you—your tickets to **participation in the life of God**. 2 Peter 1:4 (MES)*

*We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but **we were eyewitnesses of his majesty**. For he received honor and glory from God when the voice came from the majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” **We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven** when we were with him on the sacred mountain. 2 Peter 1:16-18 (NIV)*

II. REMEMBER THIS: Your faith in Jesus Christ is supposed to make you an _____.

Dear friends, I urge you as aliens and strangers in the world to abstain from sinful desires which wage war against your soul.

1 Peter 2:11 (NIV)

Friends, this world is not your home, so don't make yourselves cozy in it. -1 Peter 2:11 (MES)

I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. 2 Peter 1:13-14 (NIV)

“The ruinous ethic of _____.”

--John Piper

Even sinners work hard, avoid gross sin, watch TV at night, and do fun stuff on the weekend. What more are you doing than they are?

- Luke 6:32-34 and Matthew 5:47 (Piper paraphrase)

We have not been called to live under an ethic of avoidance but we have been called to _____ under the ethic of the

_____.

If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.” Luke 9:23 (NIV)

The ethic of the cross is an ethic of _____.

See Galatians 2:20; 1 Corinthians 15:32; Romans 6:6

May I never boast [about anything] except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. - Galatians 6:14 (NIV)

To boast in the cross means to _____ the cross!

Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus for whose sake I have lost everything. - Philippians 3:7 (NIV)