



Final Directions to the Last Stop (Part 4)

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2 Peter 3:17-18



14 Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him spotless and blameless, [and] in peace. **15** And consider the patience of our Lord to be salvation, just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him wrote to you— **16** As also in all his letters, speaking in them concerning these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the unlearned and unstable twist, as also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

17 You, therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men [and] fall from your own steadfastness, **18** But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. [Amen.]

— 2 Peter 3:14-18 (TB's translation from the Greek NT)

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IV. A Discipline to Pursue (17-18a)

A. Two-Fold (a negative and a positive)

1. Negatively Speaking: **G**_____ (be on your guard) - v. 17

Being a disciple means that I will apply the effort to guard myself and the church from error as I pursue Christ.

a. You = emphatic ("you" stands in contrast to "them")

b. Be on your guard . . .

(1) "Guard" = *phulass* - middle imperative (to be on guard against / look out for)

- Used in Luke 12:15 of _____
- Used in 1 Timothy 6:20 of _____
- Used in 2 Timothy 4:14–15 of _____
- Used in 1 John 5:21 of _____

(2) Does God Himself guard us?

(a) Application to believers

i. Same Greek verb translated "carried away" is used in Galatians 2:13

(b) Application to false professors (the unconverted)

2. Positively Speaking: G _____ (grow in grace) - v. 18a

Being a disciple means that I will apply the effort to grow in my Christian life as I pursue Christ.

a. Growing in GRACE and in KNOWLEDGE

(1) "Moralistic Therapeutic Deism" afflicts the church

(2) Plastic plants and plastic 'Christians'

(a) Key question: Are you _____

V. A Doxology to Cherish (18b)

"My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples." [John 15:8]