

INSIGHTS ON 2 PETER: CONQUERING THROUGH CONFLICT

TO BE USEFUL AND FRUITFUL, HERE'S HOW

2 PETER 1:1-11



The Heart of the Matter

At least two things in life are desired by virtually everyone, especially Christians—to be useful and fruitful. Drifting through life in an aimless and unproductive manner is something all of us dread. Perhaps that's one reason why a lingering illness is so hard to bear. One feels useless and unfruitful. This feeling often strikes the heart of prisoners, particularly those who are new believers. And the elderly frequently sense their value and effectiveness fading as the years roll by. But no one in these situations, or situations like them, need fear being useless or fruitless if he or she is willing to define *usefulness* and *fruitfulness* according to Scripture—as 2 Peter shows us.



Discovering the Way

1. Introductory Remarks from Peter (2 Peter 1:1-3)

Peter opened his letter with important information about himself, the recipients, and God.

2. God's Promises—Our Participation (2 Peter 1:4-11)

Peter reminded his readers of what God gives and why, what we give God and how, and where it all leads and when.



Starting Your Journey

Two important thoughts we all should remember. First, living a useful life on earth begins with salvation and requires diligence. Second, leaving a fruitful life at death results in motivation and guaranteed rewards.

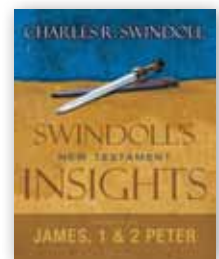


Tools for Digging Deeper



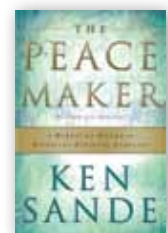
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