



# *Reaching the World For Christ*

## ***Famous Last Words Peter's Last Letter: Part 3***

### **2 Peter 1:1**

Rom 8:5-8 *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

How do we fight this battle and win?

#### **I. Empty Yourself**

##### **A. Empty Yourself Spiritually**

##### **B. Empty Yourself Personally**

Luke 9:23-24 *And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.*

##### **C. Empty Yourself Relationally**

##### **D. Empty Yourself Missionally**

#### **II. Guard Yourself**

Rom 13:14 *But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.*

2 Cor 10:5 *We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and **take every thought captive** to obey Christ.*

Ps 101:3-4 *I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless. I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me. A perverse heart shall be far from me; I will know nothing of evil.*

### **III. Fill Yourself**

Rom 12:2 *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

How do we renew our minds? 4 Suggestions

#### **1. Prayer and Meditation**

Matt 26:41 *Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

Ps 1:1-3 *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers, but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.*

*"Though a man's heart be much indisposed to prayer, yet, if he can but fall into a meditation of God, and the things of God, his heart will soon come off to prayer...Begin with reading or hearing. Go on with meditation; end in prayer...Reading without meditation is unfruitful; meditation without reading is hurtful; to meditate and read without prayer upon both, is without blessing." William Bridge*

#### **2. Memorize the Word**

Ps 119:72 *The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.*

Ps 119:11 *I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.*

### 3. **Read**

2 Tim 4:13 *When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments*

### 4. **Fellowship**

Heb 10:24-25 *And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

2 Peter 1:13 *I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder*

2 Peter 3:1 *This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder*

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