

## Effective & Productive vs Ineffective & Unproductive

### 2 Peter 1:3-11

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. <sup>4</sup>Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

<sup>5</sup>For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; <sup>6</sup>and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; <sup>7</sup>and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. <sup>8</sup>For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

<sup>10</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, <sup>[a]</sup>make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, <sup>11</sup>and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### Questions:

- 1) Why should we “make every effort to add...”?
- 2) In verse 8, “if you possess these qualities in increasing measure”. What does this look like in your life? Is there an area that is more difficult to “add in increasing measure”?
- 3) Are you effective and productive? How do you know if you are on track? What does this look like to others?
- 4) What does it mean in verse 10 to “Confirm your calling and election”?
- 5) At the end of Verse 10 we are given a promise that “if you do these things, you will never stumble”. Do you believe that this is possible and attainable on earth? Explain!