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Well, greetings brethren and welcome to another Wednesday Night Bible study where we endeavor together to study the Scriptures Line upon line.

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This evening, God willing, we'll finish chapter one of a second Peter.

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And I want to start just by thanking many of you for your prayers.

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I have been having some issues with this eye for several years now, I finally got it diagnosed.

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And today I had a first treatment to resolve this issue.

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There's a duct that's blocked and really fascinating treatment this the technology that we have available to us today.

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So basically, they had to cleanse the eyes, then they massage the glands to try to stimulate them.

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They've been atrophying because they haven't been working.

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And so they're trying to massage them and heat them.

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So they put these basically contact lenses over my eyes.

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I've never had anything on my eyes before, but they kind of freeze the anesthetic to the eyes and, and they put an anesthetic size, the eyes, put this cap over the eyes right on the eyeballs and then they start to heat the eyeballs as well as massage them So this is a very, very strange feeling.

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And then after that, with a very microscopic needle, the doctor goes in and basically pierces through the duct and then flushes saline through the duct, which I then I'm able to swallow because it goes straight down into the throat and, the right eye, no problem.

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The left eye, there was some scarring and some obstruction there, but God be praised.

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He was able to clear it and clear so that means that I don't need invasive surgery there.

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But thank you for your prayers.

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that everything went as well as it could.

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I will still have some water in the eye so you'll still see me from time to time, wiping the eye.

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But apparently over the next week to two weeks, it should clear up and they want me to come back in a couple of months.

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So thank you so much for your prayers.

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I genuinely, really appreciate it.

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And, also if you can give a shout out, to Caitlyn, sister Caitlyn Palate, she looks after our technology staff.

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she's doing the, the programming, beside the production behind the scenes.

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And, normally I have to come in and worry about all of my technology here.

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Plus all of the technology in the cloud, the software to make sure all of that works.

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I don't have to worry about any of that anymore.

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I have to worry about my own technology and today I have only two screens working.

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Normally I have four screens working.

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but that's fine.

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That's fine.

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I just sit down and everything's ready to go and I basically showed her all of this once she took it in, in to digested it and she's just so reliable and consistent.

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So if you have, if you can, give her a note of appreciation, It's just just amazing.

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So every Bible study, every Sabbath, every keeping watch, she's the person behind the scenes, making sure that everything runs smoothly.

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So thank you Caitlin.

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And please express some appreciation for her.

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Let's open with a word of prayer and then God willing will get into the text for this evening.

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Our Heavenly Father, we come before you, Lord.

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It is a very, very difficult period in man's history and father, we thank you that by your wisdom and by your grace, we are not only alive in this time, but we are in Christ in this time.

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What a great calling, Father, what a great honor.

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And we are here to resist evil and to be a light in this dark world, regardless of the cost.

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And father, we thank you for what we celebrated on Pentecost, the giving of your holy spirit, the receiving of your Holy spirit, the ability for us to walk in this way as a result of our minds being infused with this power and the ability for us.

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Father to edify one another, to be comforted and to be gifted by your spirit.

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We thank you so much, Lord, we pray for your continued blessing.

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And at this time, father, we, we pray for our brethren who are exposed to these fires throughout Canada and Quebec, the East as well as the west.

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these raging fires.

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We don't understand what's causing them.

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They're so early in the year, in the summer.

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But we do pray God for you to look down from heaven to have mercy on your people, to take control of the wind and the rain and, and, and the sun and, and just enable your people, father to be safe.

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And we do pray for, for all people.

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But we know that these things must happen when we read your scriptures.

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At the same time.

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Father, we know there's a work to do and our brethren that have your Holy Spirit, we're the only ones that can do this work and the harvest is great, but the laborers are few.

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So we pray God for your preserving protection and we ask for your blessing.

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Now, on our study, we ask in Jesus holy name, Amen.

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So brethren, we are in Second Peter and God willing, we will finish that chapter chapter one today.

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Let me go ahead and share my screen and I should have asked if I'm coming through loudly and clearly and let me just check.

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And, yes, thank you, Pastor Murray.

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And, ok, I see the weather is cooling down for some very, very good.

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And again, we pray for our brethren in those affected areas with fires that all will go well for them.

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Second Peter.

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I'm not gonna spend much time on the first four verses.

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We covered that last week.

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Also, I'm not gonna spend much time on verses five and six because Pastor Murray and I gave sermons on these topics.

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Pastor Murray's sermon, It was entitled a recipe customer if you can put it in the chat.

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I think a, a Recipe for Salvation, something like that.

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And then my sermon was entitled BUILD according to Code Build.

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According to code.

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Those two sermons go into great detail on verses five and six.

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So I'll kind of go over them, but there is something, there's a nuance in verse five that I do want to cover that I didn't cover in my sermon.

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So I will spend some time on that.

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But let's just for context, we'll read the first four verses, Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle.

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Again, this is in the archive from last week, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ to them that have obtained like precious faith with us.

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This is a very, very important phrase.

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Who is this whole letter to?

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And this puts paid to the whole notion of once saved, always saved.

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And we have to be careful brethren this this, this way that we are walking in and this Christ that we have with us, we cannot take the way nor Christ, our God for granted.

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This is, and, and especially in this dark time, this is a very dangerous time that we're living in spiritually dangerous.

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And so we need to pay attention.

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This is to those of us who have obtained the same precious faith as the apostles.

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And how did we attain it through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ through their righteousness.

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We are in this way, grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God.

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End of our Lord, end end of Jesus, our Lord.

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This is how this grace and peace is multiplied through us or to to us through the knowledge.

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So this, we're, we're in a path of teaching.

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And if we're in a congregation that does not prioritize teaching red flag, red flag, we are disciples, we are students, we need to be taught and then we need to apply what we've been taught according as his di divine power has given unto us all things that pertain unto life and Godliness.

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What an encouraging verse in this darkness that we find ourselves in is this, this turning over of all decency globally.

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This, this power grab that we see from glo, the globalists that are just making immorality, the standard, making what's evil, good and what is good, evil and expunging Christ and the influence of Christ from society as we find ourselves living in this time.

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His divine power has given us all things that pertain unto life and godliness.

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Again, how through the knowledge, through the knowledge, these studies that we do together, the sermons that we receive each week, the study that we do on our own, the fellowship that we have one another.

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All of it is empowering us through the knowledge of him that has called us.

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And what has he called us to, to glory and virtue.

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That's what he's called us to.

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Now, in the short term, it might feel like he's just called us to suffering that all those who desire to live godly in Christ shall suffer persecution.

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So we may feel like, wow, what have we been called to here?

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But that suffering is actually a stepping stone to the glory and the virtue that we've been called to whereby again, through this knowledge are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises.

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Again, we have to be taught what these promises are and how exceedingly great they are whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises that by these, you might be partakers of the divine nature.

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So you so we cannot just be totally ignorant of these precious promises and then claim that we are partakers of the divine nature or look at others that are completely ignorant of these precious promises and claim that they are part or partakers of the divine nature.

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No, this is impossible.

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Being a partaker of the divine nature is by God's permission and that is done by understanding the exceedingly great and precious promises.

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And that is done through discipleship.

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We have to be taught, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

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Oh yes.

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Oh yes.



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Oh yes.

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You know this world, if you step back and you just look at the natural order, the nature and God's creation, it is breathtaking, it is amazing.

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It's beautiful.

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But then once you layer on top of that, the human condition is like, OK, this is a horrible evil world.

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Humans have made it that way and humans, it, it's like what, what is the bottom here?

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At what level of depravity do humans sink to?

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When we can say?

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OK, it's not possible to be any more depraved.

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And the answer to that is there seems to be no bottom that just as Satan is more increasingly depraved.

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So he brings mankind down to greater and greater levels of depravity.

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And that's what, what's going on in the world today.

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There is this spiritual force that is suddenly exerting its force all over the world to what end to the end and to the outcome of extreme depravity.

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And when you see humans turn on their own Children where they lack the natural affection that a mother would have for her child, or that a father would have for his wife and his Children, his family that, that's all gone and, and, and they're willing to sacrifice their Children.

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Yeah.

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Yeah.

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In, in, in, in great evil before their own eyes.

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This, this is a world of incredible corruption and praise God brethren that you and I have eyes to see this to, to put a spiritual view on all of this and to not participate, to withdraw from this great evil.

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This is supernatural without God's grace.

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What is the saying there?

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But for the grace of God go i without God's grace, we would all be headlong in all of this seduced in some way, shape or form by all of this and, and the way that it has entered from an eve through every generation, the way that this evil enters the human condition is through our inordinate desire that some of us want power.

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Some of us want status.

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Some of us want money.

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Some of us want sex.

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Who knows what we, we want our ego to be flattered, who knows what it is.

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But there's some desire that Satan is able to part, to observe and perceive and then say to us, oh, if you do this, you'll get what you want and then the desire takes over.

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And so it gets the better of us.

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The Holy Spirit enables us to step back and say no, I, I don't want for myself.

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What I want to do is bring honor to Jesus Christ.

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What I want to do, what you want to do is bring honor to Christ and the Father.

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What you and I want to do is to edify one another so that we can appear before Christ at his appearing.

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What we want to do is make the world better and we realize that, wow God has a plan to do this and we want to participate in that plan.

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And so through the Holy Spirit, God has put this higher level desire in us and the fear of God in us that we don't want to participate in the world's evil.

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And Satan, we, we're, we're inoculated from Satan's temptations because of the Holy Spirit.

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So then he says, now, so we've escaped this and we're participating in the divine nature.

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Now, I'm not gonna go into these steps again.

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Pastor Murray gave a sermon on this.

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I gave a sermon on it as well.

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But I do wanna bring up something here.

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He says, and beside this, so this is a very interesting translation.

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So she says, and beside this giving all diligence adds to your faith, virtue and to virtue knowledge.

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So this is fascinating.

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Beside what?

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Well, beside this incredible knowledge that God has given us that has enabled us to access through His power, everything that pertains unto eternal life and, and to pursue this path to glory and virtue because of the precious promises that we now understand that we've been grafted into and that we're able to now participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world who lost.

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That would sound like, well, that's it.

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That's enough.

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But no, the translators say here, well, beside all of that, give, give all your diligence.

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Now, it sounds like he Christ has done everything for us and the father has done everything for us, but everything that they've done now, Peter says, in addition to all of that, do your absolute best to at you add to.

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So this faith that we now have, we believe, well, don't stop there.

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Add to it.

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Add to it, knowledge, temperance, and patience and godliness and, and Philadelphia and agape.

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So why do we have to add these things with all diligence?

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We exerting ourselves with every effort when God has already given us everything.

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And I'll just quickly say in the sermon that I gave, I said a great analogy would be like you're a farmer, I'm a farmer and maybe we lost everything with a massive storm and we just, we lost everything.

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And then God comes along and he gives us a new farm and he gives us all the equipment and all of the input crops and materials.

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He gives us everything we need to be successful.

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But then we, we, well, thank you.

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We have everything that we need and do nothing, given us everything that we need.

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We now have to put in the labor and the hard work of, of a farmer to actually be successful.

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So it's a partnership with God.

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He gives us everything that we need.

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But then we have to exert real effort in order to bring the fruit forward.

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Now, I want to just spend a bit of time on this phrase.

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And beside this, because the King James is the only translation that I see that has translated it this way and, and I apologize for the, the size of the font, but I just wanted to be able to fit in.

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In fact, let me see if I can.

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Yeah, I just wanted to be able to fit in the different translations.

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So the Greek Hutu tutu, which kind of said and then day, which is like, but it kind of in the sort of the raw sense of the Greek.

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It's like saying, you know, in it, in addition to this thing would be kind of what you we're saying here with this, this Greek, it's like this tutu is the thing that we're talking about.

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And then Oto kind of reinforces that Hutu kind of reinforces that to say the very thing, you know, it's like saying, Adrian himself told me this, he himself said this so sort of reinforcing the, the the subject.

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So this is why you see these translations like the new Levi standard version translates it for this very reason.

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So, so this is the reason and it's like the very reason, this is the very thing for this very reason.

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And you'll see the complete Jewish Bible for this very reason, the Holman Christian study Bible for this very reason, the NIV for this very reason, the NASB now for this very reason and then King James stands by itself by saying, and beside this, which in my opinion is the superior translation.

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Even though those translations, when you look at this Greek phrase, they're incredibly accurate around the technically around the Greek phrase.

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But the King James is incredibly insightful now.

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And beside this, it sounds like it could sound like well, what's happened, what, what went before kind of discard that, you know, beside that focus on this, but that's not the sense that the King James is giving here.

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It's literally saying here are all here.

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You know, here's all the equipment and the land and the produce and the seeds that got his view as the farmer in parallel to that, do all your all you can and exert yourself to be a successful farmer.

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So the King James is implying that what Peter is about to introduce in verses five and six must run parallel to everything we just read in verses 1 to 4, which none of the other translations have picked up.

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What they're all saying is because of what we've just covered in verse 1 to 4.

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For that very reason, exert yourself with all of your energy and all of your effort and all of your might to be successful, which I think misses what the translators of the King James Bible verse translation have picked up.

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And where did they pick this up?

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Well, they picked it up from this next word which is, let me just go back here, this next word giving.

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So and beside this, they say giving Paris Ferro, Paris Ferro, which which it means to exert to, to use all your effort to exert.

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But if we look at the strongs in a bit more detail, what strong says this is one lexicon, a popular one, but it says to bear in alongside to introduce simultaneously.

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So this word giving all diligence, this is where they picked up the notion that do this in parallel to everything that's just that Peter has just explained before.

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So this is how strong says it that it is to introduce simultaneously to bear in alongside the fair dictionary or lexicon, it says to bring in besides to contribute besides to something.

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So everything that God has contributed, you need to contribute alongside what God is doing.

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The theological lexicon of the New Testament, it says to bring in alongside or in addition.

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And the mounts dictionary says to bring in beside to bring into play to exhibit in addition.

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So I just found this really fascinating that the other translations just sort of focused on the Greek phrase.

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Whereas the King James translators looked at this next word Paris and saw that it's not just about giving all diligence that it's about doing it in parallel to everything that's come before.

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So we're really entering a partnership, we humans are entering a partnership with our God.

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And the other thing that really struck me in looking at the underlying Greek, which I actually missed and I shouldn't have because I've been kind of harping on a lot about how a lot of these instructions that we have taken individualistically to apply to ourselves personally.

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They're actually in the plural form and the apostles are speaking to us as a congregation.

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And so this instruction, as much as I've studied it and read it, I've always thought of it as to myself as an individual and to you as an individual.

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Now, I'm seeing very clearly that he's speaking to us as a congregation.

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And I see it also, I guess because I see the growth in, in our, in my own Pastor Murray, in my congregation here in, in, in Burlington where we over the 10 years, how we have grown together.

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And that's what this is all about that this is something we execute together.

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So again, wherever you are, try not to operate with this western mentality of, you know, the rugged individual, there's a part of that, that we actually need now because everybody's playing the victim and everybody's so dependent on the government.



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So we do need that rugged individualism.

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But the church goes beyond that.

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I guess we, we need strong individuals to then come into a congregation and help form a strong functioning, healthy congregation.

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So I just found this really, really fascinating that we are partnering with God and he's given us everything.

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But then bec because of that and alongside that, we have to exert ourselves with every energy we have every fiber that we have to really exert ourselves.

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So give all diligence and then add to your faith.

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So it starts with faith, we believe these things.

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That's, that's the gift of the Holy Spirit that we believe.

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And then we have to add to that moral excellence.

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And unfortunately, there's a lot lacking in the department of moral excellence in the church.

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And you know what?

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Of course, of course, in the end time, we would drop the ball when it comes to moral excellence or virtue that when we're surrounded with such evil and society just keeps dropping in its standards that if we drop a little bit or maybe even a lot, as long as it's less than the world around us, we can still feel pretty good about ourselves, not realizing how far we are falling from God's expectations.

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So it makes sense that in the end time, we will be surrounded by hypocrites, it makes total sense.

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It makes sense that in the end time people will put on a suit and a tie that they'll put on a nice dress or a, hopefully we do that.

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In fact, we probably don't even do that.

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We probably just show up.

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Hit, take me as I am.

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God.

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Oh, you're a great king.

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Well, I don't care.

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Here I am.

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I'm coming as I am.

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And so we show up like a scruff bag.

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Pardon my language.

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But from God's perspective, he's a great king and he expects to be honored.

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And yet we show up just all casual, couldn't care less, but some of us will make an effort.

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And in the end time it makes sense that a lot of us are hypocrites.

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We're playing a game we're putting on a show while we then leave services and God forbid, but it's a big church and I don't just mean CG I Church of God has a lot of members.

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And so it would make sense in the end time that with all of this evil spiritual force around us that we would then leave the holy service of God.

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Get back into our day to day.

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And for some, unfortunately, that means getting caught up in pornography and worse and worse because more, more stimulation is needed.

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And then from pornography into fornication and then from fornication into adultery and then into lying, maybe stealing, especially as the economy starts to collapse.

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Maybe we start to feel ok about justifying ourselves for stealing and who knows what else because we're surrounded by evil.

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And so as long as we have a semblance of goodness, we feel like we're ok.

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God has to take us.

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See, we, hey, we're special.

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We're called, it makes sense brethren.

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And I'm gonna talk about that a little bit more that it makes sense in the end time that we lack virtue.

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But we have to use every fiber in our being because of what God has given us.

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And alongside what God has given us, we have to use every fiber in our being to add to our faith, virtue and to virtue knowledge.

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There's this, this role of knowledge is this this incredible role of knowledge.

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And then to knowledge, temperance, to temperance, patience, to patients Godliness.

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And then from that Godliness, we can really bring in brotherly affection, brotherly kindness, Philadelphia, this brotherly love.

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And then we can build from that, that foundation sort of this pyramid foundation to get to the pinnacle, which is a and to truly be able to love our brethren, our spouse, our brethren, our Children, our family, our neighbors, our community, the whole world, especially the Israelites that are lost that we need to bring back to God.

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We can have this higher level love that will stand.

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And that's what Pastor Murray's sermon really pointed to that we, and, and again, this is not individualistic.

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We need to do this collectively as a congregation to get to help us, each, each Passover, we're really understanding the agape that Christ exercised and the brotherly love and kindness and, and the godliness and, and the patience and, and the temperance and the knowledge and, and, and, and, and the, the faith.

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So the moral virtue in the faith that these things as we study Christ, we come to understand not just as an individual, but how we, how he wanted us to have this as, as, as, as a body, as, as a congregation.

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So, again, I don't, I'm not gonna go into the details that pastor Murray and I covered in the sermons that we gave.

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But just to say those are in the archive.

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But just to say that it really just sort of struck me looking at the underlying Greek, how the King James really brought out because I was just like, how did, how is it?

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They're the only ones that came up with this translation.

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And it just didn't make any sense until I got to this Paris fro this, this giving all diligence that is to do alongside to introduce, to contribute alongside.

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And that's where they bring that in.

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And besides this fantastic.

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And then he says, listen to this language, remember who he's speaking to?

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This is a letter to those of us then and now who have obtained like precious faith as the apostles and to this small group of believers who have obtained this like precious faith.

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He's saying, God has given us everything that pertains unto life and Godliness through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

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And although he's given us everything, we now have to exert ourselves with all diligence as a congregation, as a body alongside what God is doing.

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It's a partnership and we're working alongside with God with all understanding the glory and the virtue that we've been called to.

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We're just exerting ourselves every part of the body doing its part.

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I mentioned sister Caitlin earlier that she's discovered that she has these abilities and the, and this kind of mind that can just lock things in and be reliable.

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And so she's doing that.

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And then we have brethren who are always contributing in terms of supporting the brethren and praying for the brethren and, and, and brethren who are always contributing in terms of making environments that are that, you know, there's food all the time and we're able to sit and, and be have that brotherly love and affection for each other because of the contributions of others and, and each person has their gift and the body is functioning when each person is exerting themselves to edify the body with, with their gift.

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And, and realizing that it's a partnership that it's not an individual or just an individual partnering with God.

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It's the congregation partnering running alongside, well as God is giving us everything we need.

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We're, we're applying ourselves with all the effort and excitement, the exertion in partnership with God.

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And then he says to us this for if thing, if these things be in you and again, it's all plural.

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It's not you as an individual, but you as the body, as the congregational body.

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For if this thing, if these, if so he's not taking it for granted that everybody in the body is going to be successful and that every congregation is going to be successful, especially given his knowledge of the prophecies of the end time.

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So he says, for if these things be in you and about so it's not just that they're in you.

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It's because of the exertion that they abound.

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Somebody comes into your congregation and they're like, wow, the, the love that you bred through and have for one another, you're truly the disciples of Christ because it's abounding for if these things be in you and abound, they make you that you shall neither be barren, nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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So it, it's, it's a closed loop.

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It comes right back to this notion of knowledge that is, it's through the knowledge that we're able to participate in the divine nature.

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It's through the knowledge that we have this understanding of these precious promises that, that, that, that's how we're able to have this strong faith because of the knowledge that God has given us.

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And it's through that knowledge that we have grace and peace, knowledge, knowledge, knowledge, which implies teaching, teaching, teaching.

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And then alongside that knowledge, we really have to apply ourselves congregational in partnership with God as he's given us everything that pertains to life.

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Now, he brings it to a closed loop now that if you really exert yourself and these things are in you and they abound that you've, you've added to your faith, virtue, you've added to your virtue knowledge, you've added to your, your knowledge, temperance, you've added to your temperance, patience, you've added to your patience's Godliness, you've added to that Godliness.

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Philadelphia, brotherly love.

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You've added to that agape that if these things be in you and they abound as you as a congregation, then you're not going to be unfruitful means.

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Congregations can be unfruitful.

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There's all this infighting and bickering and gossip and, and Paul says, be careful, be careful, you know that you don't destroy one another.

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Galatians five, be careful the works of the flesh.

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So he says that if these things be in you and abound, they make that you will, you will not be barren nor unfruitful in this knowledge that God is providing.

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So it means that those of us who have obtained like precious faith, if we're not adding to that faith.

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So we start with this like precious faith that we've obtained if we're not adding to this faith in a disciplined way of exertion, then we can become barrier and fruitful.

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And so says, the prophecies, if, if we, if we do a study on the prophecies to the church about the church, it's chilling, it's chilling and Peter knows this.

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He was taught by Christ.

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And so he's doing all he can to say, don't be unfruitful, don't be barren.

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And again in, in the sermon that I gave, I touch on that.

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But look at this, this is Christ's perspective on unfruitful.

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So John 16, John 15, sorry, first part of John 15 versus 1 to 51 to 6.

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He talks about the expectation of his body to bear fruit.

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He has this expectation that that's what brings God pleasure that we bear fruit and that our fruit remain.

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He says here in Luke 13, in verse six, that he spoke this parable, a certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard.

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OK?

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So he's got a vineyard.

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He's got a fig tree and he came and saw fruit there on and found none.

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He, he had an expectation.

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OK.

38:08

I've been working, I've done everything I can for this, for this vineyard or for this fig tree.

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Now, I expect figs, but he comes to it and surprisingly, it's got nothing.

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Then he said to the dresser of his vineyard behold these three years I came seeking fruit on this fig tree.

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So fruit takes time, fruit takes time and, and sometimes brethren can be impatient with one another.

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They can look and say, well, I don't see any fruit.

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, well, not seeing any fruit is one thing, seeing evil works and poisonous fruit.

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Well, that's a matter, especially if it's, we're talking about a teacher, that's a matter.

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But if we're talking about a, a new convert and maybe they've been in the church for a few years and you're not really seeing the fruit.

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Well, you know, the fruit is sort of the last thing that appears on a tree.

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So we have to be patient, nourish the tree.

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And you see here, Christ has that patience.

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And so year one, no fruit, year two, no fruit.

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Now it comes year three, but there's still no fruit.

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Now it's become an issue just as to behold these three years, I come seeking fruit on this fig tree and I find none.

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Zero nothing.

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OK?

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Cut it down.

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Why Crith hit the ground?

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And so if we're unfruitful, this is what he says in John 15 that those branches that are not fruitfully breaks them off and they, they gather them away and burn them.

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Why, why are you taking nutrients from the ground?

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So there's a very strong spiritual metaphor here.

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Cut it down.

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Why Cumber hit the ground?

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And he answering said unto him, Lord give it another year, let it alone this year also till I shall dig about it and dung it.

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And if it bear fruit, great and if not, then after that, you shall cut it down.

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So, and you know, three years is sort of the end of the patience for this thing.

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But just to be sure, let's give it another year.

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And if it still doesn't bear fruit, let's cut it down.

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That is such a powerful analogy, brethren, we cannot escape it.

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So we need to ask ourselves as we look at our congregations, are we in fact bearing fruit?

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Can we look and say yes, we are exerting ourselves doing all we can to work together collectively as a body.

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Each one bringing their giftedness so that there's no covetousness, there's no envy, there's no bickering and infighting.

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There's just this harmony and this grace and peace as we go about our higher purpose and bear fruit for God.

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You know, so and, and each person, there's no one person that bears fruit for God.

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We all work together.

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Maybe one person is out front or a couple of people are out front.

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But behind the scenes, there's a lot going on.

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It's like a, a duck looking very calm on the surface, but underneath its feet are going like crazy.

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And then that's how it's making progress.

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While those feet that peddling that's going under the surface, we may not see what's really happening and how this work is going forward, but it's, it's the whole body working together to bear that fruit for God.

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Back to second Peter verse.

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10 chapter one, verse 10, we're for the rather so this shocking statement to those who have obtained like precious faith through this knowledge you do all you can because if these things be in you and not, not just that they're in you, but they are bound in you, you know, we, we have something in sort of the business world that we talk about leading versus lagging indicators.

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So let's say from a sales perspective, a lagging indicator would be sales revenue.

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That's that we've hired you to generate revenue.

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So that's the expectation, that's the outcome we're looking for.

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So we're gonna measure you to see.

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Are you generating the revenue that we're looking for?

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That's a lagging indicator, but a lagging indicator is something we really don't have control over.

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So whether or not the customer buys, we, we, we don't have control over that.

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So sales managers need to start looking at what we call leading indicators that if the leading indicators are moving in the right direction and these are things we do have control over that tells us that the lagging, the needle is gonna move on the lagging indicators.

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So a leading indicator might be the knowledge of the salesperson, have they been trained.

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Do they understand a leading indicator might be, are they engaging in enough meetings with potential customers?

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Another leading indicator might be the quality of these meetings, what is happening in these meetings.

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So if, if we can measure these indicators and get them all moving in the right direction.

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We really don't have to worry about the lagging indicator.

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It'll come after, but it's certain to come as long as these things are happening.

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So these indicators in verse five and six, these are the leading indicators and the fruit is the lagging indicator.

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So if you have these leading indicators as a congregation moving in the right direction, then the lagging indicator of fruitfulness is bound to follow.

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But if these leading indicators are moving in the wrong direction, we really don't have to wait three years or four years to realize we're unfruitful.

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We're spending all our time bickering and fighting one another and gossiping about one another.

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That of course, we're, we're not gonna bear fruit because the leading indicators are off.

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So here he says on the, on the contrary, brethren give diligence to make your calling and election.

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Sure.

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I don't know how anybody can read this and say, yeah, but it doesn't what he's saying doesn't matter.

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He doesn't know what he's talking about once saved.

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Always saved.

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No way.

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Let's take this.

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Let's take the word of God seriously.

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Let's take the word of Christ himself seriously.

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We are at risk brethren, especially now those of us upon whom the ends of the age have come, there is high risk, there's something in the air and it's evil and it's intensifying, but God has given us everything we need.

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And as long as we're abounding in these indicators, these leading indicators, as long as we're abounding in these attributes, it's impossible for us to fail.

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It's impossible for us to be unfruitful.

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Nothing can then harm us and nothing can separate us from the love of God.

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As long as we're doing our part alongside and besides all this alongside what God is doing where the rather brethren, love, beloved, give diligence to make your calling an election short.

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And again, we read this and I read, I've read this individually individualistically.

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No, he's speaking to the congregation.

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He, this is all in the plural that as a congregation, he wants us to be practicing.

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Ultimately, this agape for one another that no matter what happens, we will never betray one another and we will be fruitful together where for the rather on the, on the contrary, brethren give diligence to make your calling an election.

45:45

Sure.

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For if these, if you do these things, this is the leading indicator.

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The fruitfulness is the lagging indicator.

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If you plural do these things, you shall never fall.

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Meaning if we don't do these things, we're gonna fall.

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Christ is gonna come inspecting and be unsatisfied and unhappy, disappointed.

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But if we do these things, we shall never fall.

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Now, I just wanna take a moment because it's just become, it's like suddenly a light switch went on and I just suddenly got this very clear glimpse, this sense.

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It just a sense of intuition of church in the end time.

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And it's not pretty, it's not pretty.

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And it has to do with this, this pride month that we're in and in the business world, people are flexing this pride muscle in, in ways that have, you know, again, in the past, all of this was in the closet, not that it wasn't happening, it was just all in the closet, especially pedophilia.

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That is something you could bribe politicians with and bribe powerful people with because it was just despicable.

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Now, it's all coming out in the fore.

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We, we're foregrounding pedophilia.

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We're foregrounding sodomy.

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We, we're foregrounding genital mutilation of Children.

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We're foregrounding human sacrifice.

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All of these things were in the background now that they're being foregrounded and the overturned window is shifting.

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The church's perception of morality is also shifting individually and collectively.

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And you know, Matthew 25 all the virgins fall asleep.

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We all begin to lose and slip from the standard.

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Fortunately, when the bride groom comes, half of them wake up and snap out of it and they have enough Holy Spirit to it, to reengage.

48:04

But this is not pretty and this kind of looking around us in our society today and then seeing how it's influencing the church and how it's influencing the thinking of brethren where, where we have now brethren that are into this social justice and, and holding up social justice as if this comes from Christ and fighting for you.

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You've never seen passion in these brethren.

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Like when they stand up for social justice, all of a sudden they come alive but they were kind of complacent with, for, for Christ and the things of Christ.

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But social justice, they come alive.

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And this is a moral code that is borrowed from the pedophiles.

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Social justice is a moral code that is borrowed from the trans humanists and the transgenders and the sodomites and the Marxists.

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And it, and it penetrates the church and it penetrates the minds of brethren.

49:09

What does the prophecy say?

49:11

Giving heed paying attention to doctrines of demons in the church of God in the end time.

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So the the, the the the degradation around us combined with the understanding of prophecy of the church about the church to the church.

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It's like this, this is ugly.

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Now, look at this prophecy and in second Timothy, so this is Paul instructing Timothy to be prepared for what is coming in the end time.

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So the the other apostles were instructed directly from Christ about the end time when he was physically on earth.

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Paul was instructed separately by directly by Christ, but separately, but came to the same understanding of the state of the church in the end time.

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And this prophecy in second Timothy beginning in chapter three and verse one, it is about the church.

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It is a prophecy about the church to the church church.

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And he says this, it's not like prophecy about the world or prophecy about Israel in general.

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This is a prophecy about the first fruits.

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And he says this, this no.

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Also.

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So Timothy, as your instructor, I'm discipline you.

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I'm preparing you for ministry.

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You need to understand this that in the last days, perilous times shall come and brethren, that's what we're heading into now, perilous times.

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But we just read in Second Peter that God has given us everything that we need, that pertains unto life and Godliness.

51:04

And he's called us to glory and virtue.

51:07

And that as long as we're doing our part, we can never, we can, there's nothing that can cause us to fail.

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We can never fall.

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But he says to Timothy as a new minister that in these last days it's going to be perilous.

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These, these perilous times are coming.

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In.

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Other words, evil men will act worse and worse.

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It, it doesn't get better until Christ returns.

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In fact, he gets a whole lot worse.

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Then he explains why the times will be so perilous.

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Christ said, brother shall betray brother that the father will give up the son, the daughter will give up the mother-in-law, all of this fa complete destruction of the family.

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That's what we're seeing all around us now.

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So he says this for men shall be lovers of their own selves.

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And how many times have I read this?

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Maybe you've read it this way as well and just think men in general the natural human, oh, look at them out there.

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They're just so carnal.

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Well, yes, they're carnal.

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Yes, they've been captured.

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But that's not who Timothy is talking about when he says men shall be lovers of their own selves.

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He's saying Christian men or Christian women or, or, or converts.

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This is why Peter is warning us so rigorously and vigorously.

52:31

Do not be unfruitful because in the, in the last days, these perilous times Christians are going to become lovers of their own selves.

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And that's what we're seeing.

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That's when I say, you know, people who are complacent show up late for services, half dressed, half naked, casual, suddenly social justice and they come there, there's an elect, there's an electrical charge and they come to life.

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Why?

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Because it has to do with themselves or what Herbert Armstrong did I heard him say the empirical self, the extended self.

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This is my tribe, this is my race and I love my race and I, I hold my race above my religion.

53:19

I heard one of them say so Christians and and it's gonna become clear by the time we get to verse eight, it's like, oh yes, this is, this is talking about Christians up, up, you know, we can go back and forth as we take verse by verse.

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But when we read the whole passage, it's like, yeah, he's warning this minister to beware that this is the state of the church in the last days, men shall be lovers of their own selves.

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Covetous.

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This is, this is how Marxism gets into the church because of our lust that instead of escaping the corruption that's in the world of lust, we're captured by it because of our covetousness.

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Why should they have a, a nice house and I don't have it.

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Why should they have a a billion dollars?

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And I everybody should have that where we're coveting other people's things.

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This is, this is not the Christian way, let them have it.

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I hope it works out for them and let us be content with what we have, what God has given us covetous boasters ego proud just that they may come across pretending to be humble.

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But there's a pride there and, and it doesn't take much to reveal this sort of false humility.

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That is actually there's a pride blast femurs that in the end time we're gonna be so caught up in all these different movements, not realizing we're actually blaspheming God disobedient to parents.

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And we've seen that where the Children are despising the parents and teaching their Children to despise their grandparents.

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This is happening and this is, this is par for the course in the end time, unthankful and unholy in the church without natural affection.

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And that, you know, you see these women in the world having abortions, they thinking abortion is birth control,, talking about after birth killing the baby,, mutata, I think.

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Oh, this child of mine, I know it's born a boy but I think it's a girl and I'm gonna mutilate its genital.

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It's all without natural affection.

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Yes, that's true.

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Paul is warning Timothy about what's going to happen in the church without natural affection.

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That, that natural affection that a husband would have for his spouse, for his wife.

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It's gone, it's gone.

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What is a ma seven talks about the spouse in the bed with you and you can't trust her.

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I, I've got to keep my mouth guard and I can't tell her anything because she's gonna turn on me.

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This is the end time.

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This is what Christ was prophesying about that, that parents don't have the natural affection for their Children.

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The Children don't have the natural affection for the parents.

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The, the influence of the world has come into the church and we're just so wired to be individuals and it's all about us as individuals.

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We don't see the love of the, the, the brethren as, as something that is an extension and, and Pastor Murray and I both spoke recently about marriage and family and how that's the basis for congregational love and health and functioning, how that's the basis then for community, for nation.

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ultimately, for the whole world, he says that they are going to be without natural affection, truce breakers.

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This is what we're.

57:04

This is, this is the vision of the church in the end time, brethren, brother shall betray brother because they will be truth breakers because they haven't learned how to keep covenant.

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They haven't learned that a marriage covenant is, is for life.

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They haven't learned that you're bound to your Children for life.

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They haven't learned how to commit to a congregation just in and out.

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Oh, that person turns me off.

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I think I'll go to this congregation for a while.

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Oh, they've upset me.

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I think I'll go to that.

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We, we haven't learned duty and reliability and commitment.

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So it's easy just to break these truces, false accusers, false accusers.

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You've probably had your share of false accusations.

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I know I've certainly had mine.

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But this is par for the course.

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In the end time, Satan is the accuser of the brethren.

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It seeps into the church incontinent and fierce.

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I it, it means they just have no self control where the from we see from Peter's instructions, where to have that temperance, that self control.

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These people have no control at all and they are fierce and they are despised of those that are good brother will betray brother that in and amongst us as we are growing in.

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That godliness that Peter tells us to grow in right alongside us are going to be those that despise it.

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Oh, he thinks he's all that.

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She thinks she's all that and there'll be that hatred that Satan will stir, stir up traitors head high minded.

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Remember he's speaking to Timothy, a future minister or a young minister about the church.

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So that's Timothy now is going into his ministry.



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Eyes wide open lovers of pleasure.

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More than lovers of God.

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I mentioned pornography.

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A terrible addiction that Satan is using to wipe out masculinity.

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And a lot of men who are addicted to this thing, they can't function in bed anymore.

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They're, they're just, they can't function in reality anymore.

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They have no ability to truly love a woman.

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They're just, they just become warped and perverted and then it keeps going deeper and darker.

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And that's why you see pedophilia now is rampant.

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Satan knows how to give that taste and then drag people down into more and more perversity.

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So he says here that in the end time you're going to have people in your service in your congregation that are putting on a show of loving God, but they can't wait to get home and in the dark corner of wherever they are and have their own pleasures and, and commit adultery and fornication and pornography and all these things and God forbid pedophilia because once you lose control, once you're incontinent, Satan has his way with you.

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And then once these people fall into these things, they can be easily bribed.

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So he says again, we're gonna worry he's mounting this case here.

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This is about the church having a form of godliness.

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Remember Peter is instructing us to pursue that Godliness.

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They just have a form of it.

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They don't have that foundation.

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That, that notion that Pastor Murray was bringing across in his sermon.

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And I think it was a recipe for salvation.

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That's how I remember it.

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Let me see if oh, sorry, recipe for divine character.

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That's it.

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So recipe for divine character.

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Thanks, Pastor Murray.

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So they have got, they have a form of godliness, but it's that meringue pie confusion that it was sister Lisa who actually baked the two pies and Marie just asked her to do one properly and one improperly.

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So all the ingredients were there.

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They were just done in an undisciplined improper fashion and it was a mess and then there's the one that was done properly and it was beautiful, delightful.

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And so they have a form of godliness, but they're not pursuing it the way Peter instructs the way Christ instructs.

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And so they have this form, but they're denying the power thereof.

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Peter tells us that we have this divine power that's going to work alongside us.

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But if we're not doing the work, that's why that translation from King James is so fascinating to me.

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And besides this, besides all this give all diligence.

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But if we're not doing that, then that divine power we're blocking it.

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It's not, it's, we're supposed to be working in partnership with God, they're not doing that.

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They're denying the power thereof from such turn away.

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Now, that would make no sense if in first Corinthians five, when we see the person who's caught up in incest, and there's another sin, I didn't mention when, when Satan gets a hold, he does incredible spiritual damage.

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But it wouldn't make any sense if in that passage, when he says to put this person out and, and have a judgment, He's already judged even though he's not there.

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That in that same passage, he says, now, look, when I told you not to keep company with, with fornicators, I didn't mean those who are in the world that you couldn't function.

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I meant those that are in the church.

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Paul wasn't delusional.

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He understood what happens in God's church.

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And he, he was basically saying from such, he says, don't sit a table with them.

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The fellowship meal is holy and sacred.

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Don't sit a table with them, don't eat with them.

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And so here he's, he's telling then Timothy from such turn away.

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Well, he said in, in, in Corinthians, I don't mean the world, I mean, brethren.

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And here as he's instructing Timothy, he's talking about brethren from such turn away.

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He says, and how do we know that he's talking about brethren?

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Well, he's talking about the community and he says in the community, these are the sort for of this sort are they which creep into houses and lead captive silly women laden with sins.

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Again, there's that lust.

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So we have to want something for Satan to leverage that.

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And so these women are laden with this loss that he, that Satan can then tap into and, and his puppets can actually access, they can read it and see it and see the weakness.

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And when the, the translation here is silly women, it would maybe be a, a better translation.

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Weak women, they're weak.

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They're immature in, in the faith they don't have the ability to withstand.

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And Satan sees that these men see that and he says, leads them captive.

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It's a captivity.

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It's like you're in, you're in these spiritual chains and being led.

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That's what's happening.

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And God has given us the power to break out of any kind of captivity, but we have to do our part.

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So this is why he says, if you, if these things are in you and abound, you will never be unfruitful.

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But if they're not abounding in you, then these things can happen to you that these men can creep in and you know, today they may not creep into your house, but they may phone you.

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They may send you a text message.

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It, it's the same concept of access, secret access.

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And it's like, you know, you're, you're, you're, you're married and your phone goes off and you don't want your wife to see who is that dear.

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Oh, no, nothing.

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Nobody.

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secret access.

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That's what this is talking about.

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And in the end time, they didn't have cell phones in the first century.

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But if this was a scripture written today, he might say for of this sort are they which send tiktok and Instagram and Messenger and whatsapp secretly and maybe you set up a secret account so that you can have this secret communication.

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This happens in the church and Paul is instructing this minister don't be naive.

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And in the end time in the last days, it's going to be intense and many are gonna be taken out.

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And when their consciences are seared, they're gonna turn and betray.

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He says, so they're in the community, they wouldn't have access to these women if they were not part of the community.

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And then they're led away with diverse lust.

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We all want to be loved, we all want to be wanted.

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We all want to be appreciated.

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We're sexual beings, we want sexual gratification, but there's a way to do it that is Torah compliant.

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There's a way to have this fulfillment that is Torah compliant.

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And then there's a, there's many ways to break Torah to break from the way because it's wide, wide is the path that leads to destruction.

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But the way of the Lord is narrow, straight is the gate.

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And so this is the end time, there's going to be these demonically influenced people among us.

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And then there are going to be those of us who are not building according to code, who are going to be seduced and pulled down and God by God's grace, he's gonna be with us both sides.

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Those Pastor Murray gave a sermon on conscience and as long as we haven't gone so far that our conscience is seared, we can repent and come back and be a healthy part of the body.

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And if we have been corrupted or seduced or destroyed by these people, we can also be rebuilt.

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We can also be strengthened.

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Paul says, and such were some of you.

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We all have a past as long as we don't go so far that we, we commit the unpardonable sin, but that's certainly where these people are, are, are heading.

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So he says now in verse seven, he still the, the subject matter is these traitors and high minded and, and pleasure lovers who are the type that secretly access weak women in the faith.

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They can sort of read who, who's vulnerable.

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In verse seven, he's still talking about these people.

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They're, they're the subject matter that they are ever learning, but they're not able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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That same knowledge that Peter just instructed us on of, of through that knowledge, we gain access to these precious promises, these exceedingly great promises through that knowledge is how God works His salvation in us.

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And because they think it's just knowledge.

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So as a result they can say the right words.

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Maybe they are even giving sermons, sermons, Bible studies and it's like, wow, that was, that was pretty good.

1:09:01

That was, he's got a lot of knowledge, but it's not transformative knowledge.

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When you look at this person, we're not seeing fruit, we're not seeing growth.

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It's the same message they would have given 10 years ago.

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Maybe it's got a bit more facts in it.

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Bit more knowledge in it, but it's not from AAA changed person.

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You're not, you're not feeling that conviction of the, of the transformative work of the Holy Spirit.

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You're not seeing the transformation.

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It's just knowledge.

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So they have access to this knowledge and they're hanging around and they're reading the Bible and they can quote verses, but they've given themselves over to the devil.



1:09:48

And that's, that's the composition of the church in the end.

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This is what we're up against brethren.

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And that's why when we looked at first Peter Peter saying, yeah, the persecution, it's not just external, it's internal as well because he understood the composition of the church in the end time and brethren, this is what we're facing.

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It could not be more dire and it's going to get worse.

1:10:13

All of this pride and transgender and trans humanism and this corruption all around us.

1:10:21

These are the leading indicators of what's going to drag down the church if we allow it.

1:10:27

This is why we need each other.

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This is why we need to be in, in fellowship to have that sweet fellowship.

1:10:32

Can you imagine on the Sabbath, when brethren come for this, sweet Fellowship on the Sabbath and then when they come, it's such a frustrating experience.

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They're sitting before the minister and, and they're not getting any food then because there's no food.

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The brethren are malnourished and because the brethren are malnourished, they then begin to bite and devour each other and you come into all of that and it's so horrible that you're not then empowered to go through the week.

1:11:05

And then along comes Satan with his perfectly orchestrated and configured temptation for you personally.

1:11:14

He's been watching you studying you, watching me, studying me.

1:11:18

And now because we don't have any spiritual reserves, there's just that thing that comes up on the screen and oh, let me click on that or there's just that text that comes in from somebody that just slightly off color.

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But I'm kind of curious, what did she mean by that?

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Yeah, that's really funny.

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What did you mean?

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00 really?

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I shouldn't, I shouldn't reply.

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Oh, well, let me reply because we don't have the spiritual reserves.

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And so as a congregation, we need to be building this recipe for divine character.

1:11:53

It's not just divine character as me, as an individual.

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It's that as a congregation, we are reflecting the divine character of Christ.

1:12:01

And then when, when each individual comes into that setting.

1:12:03

It's so fulfilling that.

1:12:05

Then when, when, when, Satan presents pornography or adultery or fornication or incest or pedophilia that these things are bizarre.

1:12:19

It's like, yuk yikes.

1:12:22

How awful.

1:12:24

But then the person who's not nourished, who's malnourished, who's depleted because the congregation is dysfunctional.

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It's like, oh, well, that's interesting.

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And these people have their way.

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So this is really fascinating.

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Brethren Paul is Peter Paul James Jude.

1:12:44

They're all seeing the same thing and, and issuing these dire warnings to us.

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And so we need to support each other.

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So we know it's the church because these same people that he's warning us about in the last days are ever learning and never able to come to this precious knowledge of the truth.

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They're coming into knowledge.

1:13:07

Maybe they're even getting into A I, right.

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They're using A I as Jeff was showing us how this A I can be used in the church and there's all kinds of apps now helping with Bible.

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So they're full of facts.

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They've got all the facts of the Bible, but it's not transformative knowledge.

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That's the truth.

1:13:27

What did Christ say?

1:13:29

That you shall know the truth, knowledge of the, you shall, you shall have knowledge of the truth and the truth shall set you free.

1:13:35

These people have knowledge but they're slaves, they are slaved, they are enslaved and they are enslaving, they are deceived and they are deceiving.

1:13:45

This is so serious brethren.

1:13:48

So he says, and we know it's the church.

1:13:51

So all of this that he's been talking about it is in fact, the church, he says that they are ever learning and yet they're not able to come to this freedom that's in Christ, this power that's in Christ.

1:14:08

And then again to really reinforce this is these, these, these talking about the church.

1:14:12

He says now as Yanis and Yaris withstood Moses within the community that were withstanding Moses.

1:14:22

So do these also resist the truth they're ever learning, but they're resisting the truth, men of corrupt minds and they are reprobate concerning the faith.

1:14:36

Read verses 1 to 8 and tell me this is talking about the world.

1:14:42

No, this is talking about the church in the last days.

1:14:45

This is what we're up against brethren.

1:14:46

This is why we need each other.

1:14:48

This is why we have to be committed to our congregations.

1:14:51

This is why we have to be committed to be that edifying force within our congregations.

1:14:57

Because God knew this is, this is gonna be the state of the church.

1:15:00

In the end time.

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He knew that we're gonna turn on each other in the end time.

1:15:05

He knew how corrupt the world around us would be.

1:15:07

And then he knew always there's going to be this faithful remnant, these jewels Malachi 3 16 who speak often one to another about God and he's going to spare them the way a man spares his Children.

1:15:24

So he says here they are of corrupt minds and they've become reprove again to Pastor Murray's sermon around conscience and how the conscience can be seared.

1:15:34

It can be cauterized, but they shall proceed no further.

1:15:39

They, they think they're making progress.

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Oh, I seduced another 10, I'm making real progress and God is watching and he's laughing, he's laughing.

1:15:50

It's like you're not, you're not gonna get any further.

1:15:53

What does the proverbs say about when, when the calamity comes wisdom shall laugh at you.

1:16:00

I'm sure there are people out there.

1:16:03

I'll even say brethren out there listening to this study, gathering knowledge with corrupt minds ever learning and not able to come to a knowledge of the truth.

1:16:21

Imagine that on the studies, gathering knowledge but not able to come to this transformative knowledge and to have the truth that frees us from these spiritual chains, but they shall proceed no further for their folly shall be manifest unto all as theirs.

1:16:48

Was also, in fact, when I read this scripture here, let me just quickly go to I want to go to King James.

1:17:02

So this he says they shall proceed no further.

1:17:08

So they've got a lot of knowledge and they're probably getting into the position of being teachers and being respected because it's not clear to the brethren that this, there's no transformation actually taking place here.

1:17:21

There's no fruit.

1:17:22

The right words are being spoken, they're being held up as, as perhaps leaders.

1:17:27

And then here in verse nine, Paul says to Timothy, their folly shall be manifest unto all men as was Janice or Janis and Yaris, but as theirs was also.

1:17:42

So there's just a verse here that I'm going to go to the scripture and just gonna see if I can find it very quickly and I'm going to look for, let me see if I can remember here.

1:17:58

I have to look for this sin.

1:18:01

OK?

1:18:08

It is again in Timothy, same instruction to Timothy where he tells Timothy that their sin shall be manifest towards all.

1:18:18

He says here that as far as leaders go, let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.

1:18:29

You can see the love they have for the brethren, for the scripture says you shall not muzzle the ox that treads out the corn and the laborer is worthy of his reward.

1:18:38

So he's bringing the understanding of Torah into the spiritual work and, and just telling the brethren encouraging Timothy to encourage the brethren to make sure you're honoring those who are doing this work.

1:18:49

Then he says, to protect the same group of people against an elder received, not an accusation unless it's before two or three witnesses.

1:19:03

This is serious.

1:19:03

Now in the Torah, when two or three witnesses come forward, we're dealing with death penalty So if there's so this means that amongst the elder ship, there can be shenanigans amongst the elder ship.

1:19:20

There can be those who are ever learning and never coming to a knowledge of the truth.

1:19:24

Now, I don't know any elders that would fall into this category in CGI.

1:19:28

I certainly know of them in other church organizations.

1:19:32

And I talked about the evil in the Philadelphia Church of God.

1:19:37

And I'm not as familiar with the restored church of God, but from what I see, I don't see good fruit, but I can tell you from firsthand observation and experience, there is not good fruit in the Philadelphia church.

1:19:50

So I'm certainly aware of poor, poor leaders who, who have knowledge but not this transformational knowledge resulting in true agape.

1:20:02

But he says here when, when an, when an elder is doing wrong and somebody comes forward with an accusation, don't accept it, just reject it outright if it's just one person.

1:20:16

However, if two or three witnesses come forward, then you need to look into this and if it's confirmed and I don't think we're good at this, but this is scripture then that sin rebuke before all.

1:20:35

What, what did he say?

1:20:36

He said they're folly, they're ever learning.

1:20:39

So they get into this position of being teachers because they have seemed to have this knowledge, they can string sentences together, but they're doing all this corrupt stuff behind the scene behind the scene.

1:20:52

Eventually it comes out, you can't, your truth will out.

1:20:56

So eventually it comes out and two or three witnesses see it and bring it forward, then we need to investigate it.

1:21:03



And if it's confirmed, then that sin rebuke publicly the entire congregation or maybe even the entire church needs to know God forbid, this person is committing incest.

1:21:18

This person has been suspended because they, they're an adulterer or a sodomite or a thief or a liar or all those things, God forbid.

1:21:33

Then that's in, don't pull punches here, Timothy.

1:21:37

And we as elders rebuke before all were very secret, very secretive.

1:21:44

He doesn't say, then let sin be really, really secretive and protect their reputation.

1:21:50

Then that sin make it manifest, bef make their folly manifest before all so that others may fear.

1:21:59

And that was the whole notion of the Torah you stamp out sin publicly so that it doesn't gain traction in your community.

1:22:09

And here we have now with the Ecclesiastes says that because a sinful work is not punished immediately.

1:22:16

Therefore, the hearts of men are fully set in them to do evil.

1:22:20

That was Solomon's observation.

1:22:22

And, and then you can take that observation and the break from Torah and apply it to the church and because we don't deal with sin decisively, therefore, the hearts of man are fully set in them to do evil.

1:22:36

And again with what I've seen firsthand in some other organizations, it's horrific.

1:22:45

So it says, here, they shall proceed no further.

1:22:49

You're gonna stop them, their folly shall be manifest unto all men.

1:22:53

As was the case with these two resistors of Moses.

1:22:58

But you've fully known my doctrine, what I've taught and the way that I've taught it, Paul says that that the way he teaches you can, the way Christ taught the Pharisees are described, they were shot.

1:23:10

They were like, ok, this man doesn't preach like the others.

1:23:14

He speaks with authority.

1:23:15

It's different.

1:23:18

And then even his apostles, they noticed, wow, these are not learned men, but the way they teach is different.

1:23:25

So Paul is saying, you know, my teaching and my manner of life and then listen to the sort of parallel to the ingredients that Peter gives in his recipe.

1:23:41

He says my manner of life, my purpose, faith, long suffering a patience.

1:23:50

These are elements, ingredients that the apostle Peter speaks on long suffering sort of taking patients to that next level, which I think includes what Peter is talking about in patients where he's talking about really this enduring patience.

1:24:11

So here in first Corinthians five, again, how sin Paul dealt with it decisively.

1:24:19

And, and we think that ministers have to be weak and soft all the time and no matter what happens, we just have to be this sort of wet noodle.

1:24:29

And yet Paul instructs Timothy to rebuke and don't hold back.

1:24:35

And Paul himself set this example that he says I was like a a mother to you speaking to the Corinthians.

1:24:44

And yet when it came to sin, he was decisive when it came to sexual sin and immorality.

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He was decisive because he understood that it's levi when it came to idolatry, he was decisive when it came to divisiveness bren.

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So in division, he was decisive with human failings, other human failing.

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He was very patient.

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He worked with the Corinthian Church.

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There was a lot of fault there.

1:25:10

But in certain things, he was very decisive.

1:25:13

And so here with this case of incest, he was very decisive and told them to just put this person out.

1:25:21

And he just said, look, your glory isn't good.

1:25:24

A little Levin lens, the whole lump.

1:25:28

And here he had bacteria.

1:25:29

I did actually have it here in first Timothy five and 20.

1:25:32

How he deals with that?

1:25:33

Let's get back to second Peter one.

1:25:37

Sorry brethren.

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I'll just take you over a little bit.

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I'm gonna just kind of get through this.

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And so we can finish chapter one this evening.

1:25:43

He says, if you do these things and exert yourself alongside what God provides for.

1:25:48

So an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

1:25:56

And this is eyes on the prize.

1:25:58

We're heading into some very difficult days, eyes on the prize.

1:26:02

And if we're doing these things and building this recipe as a congregation together as a body.

1:26:07

This store is gonna be opened wide for us because God is looking ultimately for this agape which cannot be practiced as an individual cannot be practiced in isolation.

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And many of us think we can do this in isolation.

1:26:19

He wants us in the body.

1:26:21

And when we get to that level where it really sticks and it holds, then the doors open.

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What this the, this these are the priests that I'm looking for.

1:26:31

And then notice this in Proverbs 27 when Pastor Murray was in Proverbs on Sabbath, I just picked up this verse verse 18.

1:26:40

Who so keeps the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof.

1:26:44

This is sort of a natural thing.

1:26:45

If you're tending the, the, the tree, you get to benefit from the fruit, all the labor you put into the tree, there's a reward.

1:26:53

And that's why Peter is talking about this, this effort so that we're not unfruitful.

1:26:58

And in a sense, God is the one who's from, from we received from Luke 13.

1:27:02

God is the one who's tending to us and he's expecting fruit from us.

1:27:06

But then notice the other verse is sort of the reverse in the same way.

1:27:11

He that waits on his master shall be honored.

1:27:14

So by waiting on our master, remember, we're called to glory and virtue by waiting on our master, by doing the things that he says, it takes time the way fruit takes time.

1:27:25

It has to be cultivated.

1:27:26

But ultimately, there's a great reward, there's a great harvest from he who can honor us.

1:27:32

So the same way that he's tending us so that we will be fruitful, we're tending to him so that we will be glorified back to 1st 2nd Peter where I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things.

1:27:48

So these are things they've already been taught.

1:27:51

And it's not like, OK, I've got to teach you something new.

1:27:54

It's like I know you already know these things.

1:27:55

I got to remind you because the human mind just keeps forgetting.

1:27:58

That's why we need the Holy Day cycle every year so that we can just reinforce it and, and, and it sticks.

1:28:04

So he says, because of all these things, this reality of being unfruitful, if you're not applying yourself alongside, this incredible divine power that God is giving us so that we can be successful.

1:28:16

I'm, I'm not gonna be negligent in reminding you of these things, although you know them and be established in the present truth, you've got to be established.

1:28:25

And then this, as I say, he borrows from Jude heavily and you'll see it here where Jude says, I will therefore put you in remembrance though.

1:28:33

You once knew this.

1:28:34

It's like you're forgetting what you've already been taught how that the Lord.

1:28:38

And this is the same thing that Peter was teaching.

1:28:40

How that the Lord having saved the people out of the land of Egypt afterward destroyed them.

1:28:46

That believed not.

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This is, this is what Peter is saying.

1:28:49

You already know this.

1:28:50

You've already been taught about Egypt and Israel and, and, and, and the Red Sea and how, then they were destroyed and how that cycle repeats itself in God's among God's people.

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You already know this thing.

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I'm gonna remind you again and he's borrowing from Jude who says, you already know these things, but you're forgetting.

1:29:06

So I'm gonna remind you.

1:29:07

He says, yes, Peter verse 13, I think it necessary as long as I'm in this body, this physical Tabernacle to stir you up by putting you in remembrance.

1:29:18

So he understood that his days were numbered.

1:29:21

And so he wants to make sure he stirs up the church so that they can carry on knowing that shortly.

1:29:26

Here it is.

1:29:27

He knows his days are numbered.

1:29:28

I must put off this Tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ has shown me iii I have to die.

1:29:34

He's shown me, I'm gonna be martyred.

1:29:36

I understand the death that we, we, we're all kind of nervous about how we might be martyred given the way that the society is becoming hostile to Christians.

1:29:45

Peter was shown by Christ you, you will be martyred and he came to such a level of agape that he could face it.

1:29:55

We have to as well.

1:29:57

And here in fact he says that even as the Lord has shown me and he showed him, we see here in John 21 verse 17, he said unto him the third time, Simon son of Jonas, do you love me?

1:30:06

Peter was grieved because he said to me the third time, do you love me?

1:30:09

And he said to him, Lord, you know all things, you know that I love you.

1:30:12

And we've talked about these three levels of love.

1:30:15

Jesus said unto that, feed my sheep.

1:30:17

Then he says, verse 18, truly, truly, I say unto you when you were young, you girded yourself and you walked wherever you wanted.

1:30:25

But when you shall be old, you shall stretch forth your hands and another shall lead you, another shall gird you and then carry you where you don't want to go.

1:30:34

And that was a prophecy about how he would die.

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And in a way we could say, you know, in our society, Western society, when it was healthy, when we celebrated capitalism, then we could do what we like.

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I was just fascinated by this clinic that I had this practice that I was in today clinic to get my eye.

1:30:53

Looked at that, the technology.

1:30:55

I have to ask the doctor like what, what got you into this?

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I asked the hygienist, how did you get into this the hygienist?

1:31:01

She just said that she was going into genetics and I didn't like sitting behind a computer doing research all the time.

1:31:06

She wanted to be with in front of patients.

1:31:09

And then a friend told her about this and she did an internship and she loved it.

1:31:13

And so pursuing what you love in this capitalist society, this, this society that the free market, this is going away.

1:31:20

So when we were younger, we were in a society where we could have freedom.

1:31:26

Now we're heading into this, this darkness that's descending on us where we're losing that freedom, we're losing our freedom and we're gonna be carried away and maybe put in internment camps, we're gonna be told, oh, there's a pandemic, there's a crisis.

1:31:42

You have to be injected or you won't be injected, you have to be locked up.

1:31:47

You have, there's too many people on the planet.

1:31:49

You have to be sacrificed.

1:31:50

This, this, we have to be ready for this.

1:31:53

This is where we, you know, these brethren among us who hate America, who hate the free market.

1:32:00

Who believe that where the world can bring social justice in utopia and politicians can bring this to us.

1:32:07

Are you sure you want to give up your freedom?

1:32:11

Are you sure you want to trust this level of power to men?

1:32:16

What did David say when God gave him a choice?

1:32:18

He says, I, I don't wanna fall into the hands of men because he knew what men are like and what they can do So just as Peter was shown how he would end his days and he became company just like, hey, I'm just gonna pass the baton here and make sure the next generation is ready.

1:32:35

We need to have this mindset.

1:32:38

And then he says, this is the he gave this prophecy signifying by what death Peter should glorify God.

1:32:45

And I guess that's where his head was.

1:32:46

Like, I'm going to glorify God every waking moment and even when I die and when he has spoken this, he said to him, follow me.

1:32:55

So we are Christians, we follow Christ, but just finishing here with second Peter.

1:32:59

Moreover, I will endeavor that you may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

1:33:06

He knew the prophecy.

1:33:07

He knew what was coming and his hope and his desire was when I'm gone, you keep these things in mind for.

1:33:15

We have not followed cunningly devised fables.

1:33:17

So there's some cunningly devised fables and there's, there's some fables that are not cunningly devised, but there's some very cunningly devised fables that are seducing brethren because they're cunningly devised.

1:33:30

We did not follow these when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty for he received from God, the father, honor and glory.

1:33:43

When there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory.

1:33:48

This is my beloved son in whom I am.

1:33:50

Well, pleased and this voice which came from heaven we heard when we were with him in the Holy Mount and that's covered in Matthew 17 verses four through to seven.

1:34:03

You'll see how they, they witnessed this firsthand, just wrapping up then verse 19 of second Peter one.

1:34:10

We have also a more sure word of prophecy.

1:34:15

Peter understood the prophecies and he knew we, we have this, this is the knowledge we have through which we can have deep faith in God.

1:34:27

We're unto you do well that you take heed to study these prophecies don't turn away and you, you do well, you plural as a congregation, we would do well to take heed to these prophecies as unto a light that shines in a dark place.

1:34:42

This is a very dark place, but we have this light of prophecy shining into it until the day dawn and the day star arise in your hearts knowing this first that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

1:34:57

And again, you have these very bizarre people again, like like Gerald Fleury, who people are following, declaring himself a prophet, giving himself all kinds of titles, replacing Christ of men, following him, afraid of him.

1:35:10

And, and the the twisting of scripture to make these private interpretations that, hey, this is about me.

1:35:17

No, it's not about you.

1:35:20

When, when we look at these pro that actually is a prophecy about Christ that's blasphemy.

1:35:26

So we need to be very, very careful knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

1:35:33

The scripture interprets itself.

1:35:34

The prophets inter interpret each other for the prophecy came not in all time by the will of man, but Holy Men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit and this comfort or this Holy Spirit.

1:35:49

What does it tell us about the church in the end time?

1:35:52

First Timothy four verse one.

1:35:55

Now the Spirit speaks expressly, it could not be any planer that in the latter times, some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

1:36:12

That is what we're up against.

1:36:16

And at the same time, God is giving us through his incredible, exceedingly great divine power, everything that we need that pertains unto life and Godliness.

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As long as right alongside, we are exerting ourselves collectively together, edifying one another, exerting ourselves.

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And so much the more as we see the day approaching, exerting ourselves to build according to code this recipe for a divine character.

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Thank you so much brethren for your interest, for your study, for how much you you love the Lord and we're building this faith and this love for one another and for the Lord and for God, the Father together this Sabbath pastor sorry, not pastor Mary deacon Jan will be speaking this Sabbath.

1:37:07

So I hope that you're able to join us and let me just go ahead and check the chat, see if there's anything that I need to respond to.

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Very, very good.

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Thank you so much, Brethren.

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God bless you.

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Please join us for us.

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Please join us on Sabbath when we will have our next broadcast.

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That's at 1 30 pm on Sabbath.

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And right here exclusively on Rumble where for now we can enjoy the freedom to preach the gospel.

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Jesus Lord.

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God bless you.