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“Give Me Transformation or Death”

*“The way of life winds upward for the wise, that he may turn away from hell below.”
(Proverbs 15:24)*

Freedom from Bondage

Romans 8:20-21 – (20) “For the creation was subjected to futility (inutility, transientness), not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope (21) that the creation itself will be set free **from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.**”

God’s Grant

2 Peter 1:3-4 – (3) “**His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness**, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, (4) by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, **having escaped from the corruption** that is in the world because of sinful desire.”

Applying the Grant

2 Peter 1:5-7 – (5) “For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, (6) and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, (7) and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.”

Use it or Lose It

2 Peter 1:8-12 – (8) “For if these qualities **are yours and are increasing**, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (9) For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.

Response: (10) **Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.** (11) For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (12) Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have.”

Key Point: Abiding in Christ = Abundant Life

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Has God gone to great lengths to get me on His ‘transformation train’?

Am I confused in my Christian walk (nearsighted) or am I being filled with enlightenment by the Holy Spirit (insight)?

Why is this message important? (Eph. 5:27)