The Construction of a Godly Life (2 Peter 1:10)

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INTRODUCTION

- God is obviously not asking the impossible.
- Be all the more diligent to make certain about his calling and choosing you. You can do this.
- If you don't start with the box lid, if you don't start with the imprint, the picture, the proper picture, putting the puzzle together is going to seem next to impossible.

1 Christ: The First and Most Important Piece

Colossians 1:27; Galatians 4:19; 1 Peter 2:21

- That first puzzle piece is Jesus Christ.
- It is about Jesus Christ and Him being the focus and center of your life.
- My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you.
- I can love what he loved. Serve how he served, and think how he thought, and value what he valued.

2 We Absolutely Must Have Conviction

John 6:63

- We absolutely must have conviction.
- The flesh profits nothing. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.
- You will not live a godly life without that conviction.
- Without conviction, the recipe will not work.

3 Consecration: Set Apart for a Special Purpose

Isaiah 61:3; Isaiah 62:2; 1 Corinthians 1:2

- That means you set apart something for a separate and special purpose.
- The thing that has to be consecrated to produce the godly life is yourself.
- We must see ourselves as having a special purpose in this life.
- Don't undervalue the way we view ourselves as an important piece of the puzzle.

4 Communion With God Through Prayer

- There will be no vitality in your relationship with God without communion.
- If we rarely, if ever talk to God, the godly life will escape us.
- Acknowledge that we need him. We need his guidance. We need his help.
- God, I need you to show me the way.

5 Compassion: Delivered From Self

- I must be delivered from self.
- I need to find redemption and true purpose in actually caring about other people, their burdens, their sorrows, their troubles, and helping how I can.
- An important part of our redemptive puzzle is to take the focus off of ourselves and to truly look at others and how I can help.
- May we learn to mirror him in that compassion.

6 Confession: Declaring to Whom I Belong

James 5:16; Matthew 10:32

- Perhaps I simply just need to be honest with myself about how I'm falling short of God's will for me.
- I need to be declaring to the world to whom I belong.
- He who confesses me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven.

THE CHALLENGE

Have you consecrated yourself to the Christ? Are you building the godly life? Let Him have His way with you. Choose His will while there's time and opportunity.

MY NOTES