



TITLE: LAST WORDS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

TEXT: 2ND PETER 1:12-15

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I. Introduction

The final words of our lives often communicate things of great importance. Our 'end of life' testimonies often carry significance that offer benefit and wisdom to those who remain.

II. Determined To Remind (v. 12)

- a. Finish well means remembering
- b. Repetition is valuable

III. Dedicated Soul-Stirring Shepherds (v. 13)

- a. Obvious commitment
- b. Layering of Scriptural truth

IV. Departing Plea (vv. 14-15)

- a. Life is very, very short
- b. Leaving here to go *there*

V. Conclusion

God wants us to live life well, to finish well, and to be known for being people where slander against us does not apply because our reputation goes before us



CEFC Sermon-Based Growth Group Week:
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Kick Starters...

1. Why are the words toward the end of life important?
2. Share an example of someone's words toward the end of their lives which affected you and your life?

Entertain the text

3. Read over any of text mentioned this week as needed and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations, make notes in your Bible, use cross-Scripture as is helpful.

Engage the text

4. Reminders: Why are they important? How do you create *reminders* in your life?
5. Look at the end of VERSE 12 from 2 Peter 1 where Peter says, "...established in the truth that you have." How do we use the reminders of our faith in life to guide us?

6. "There is no such thing as brand new truth—just clearer understanding of truth". Discuss this. (Hint: Isa. 40:8; Matt. 5:18).
7. God's shepherds are called to 'stir up' God's people. What does this look like? How does this related to 'regular reminders' through the accurate teaching of Scripture?
8. Together, look at Gal. 5:25. Discuss how this principle is seen through being 'stirred up' to shine brightly as God's adopted son or daughter.
9. How can we actively help those who are younger than we are in the faith avoid our mistakes, failures, and dangers we have experienced? (Hint: Think reputation – Proverbs 22:1; Ecc. 7:1)

Execute the text

10. PRAY for the Lord to work within our CEFC family to be known as men and women who are committed to authenticity while living under the grace of God. Our reputation is the primary component to the legacy we will one day leave behind.