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Stay Alert and Remember – 2 Peter 1:12-21

I. Men Die, but the Word Lives On (1:11-15)

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What was the significance of the Transfiguration?

- a. It _____ the Testimony of Peter
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Why is the Word so Critical for our Time?

- a. It is a _____ Word
- b. It is a _____ in Darkness
- c. It is the _____ of God

My Takeaway ...

The Temptation of the Christian Life is to hang on from one _____ to the Next ... _____ are not enough to Grow.

1. Most children are prone to ignore the instruction of parents. Why do they ignore the instructions? What attitudes of the children are involved? If they continue to ignore the instructions, what is the likely result?

Read Proverbs 1:1-9. List what benefits are received from the proverbs. What does the fool despise? What attitude is evident in the fool that causes him to act this way?

2. The goal that we seek to impart is to learn to love God's Word with our hearts, to learn God's Word with our minds, and to live God's Word with our souls. As we do, we'll be building our lives on the foundation Jesus refers to in Matthew 7:24-27, when only the house built on the rock remained standing after a wild storm.

3. **What does it say?** Read in your group Matthew 7:24-27. What does this passage say will happen if we allow God's Word to be the foundation of our lives? What does the Word do that enables us to stand under pressure?

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5. **What do I do?** Studying the Bible is key to successful, significant living. Joshua 1:8 is the only verse in the Bible that promises success and prosperity. How does our relationship with the Bible enable us to realize this promise? Reflect on your relationship with the Bible and share with your group as to what areas need to be strengthened or corrected.?

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- a. What changes do you need to make?
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Truth for Life

November 6, 2022

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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