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Dear Friends,

I am saddened by how many people, who claim to be Christians, show no evidence of their salvation in the way they behave in their daily life! These same people have little knowledge of the Bible!

As I've mentioned recently we are watching the world become seriously dangerous. Not just in the Middle East and Ukraine but right here locally. Recently a man's car was blown up with a bomb in Bremerton. It is important that we who are God's Children be growing in our walk with Him in these times. In my recent Bible reading I was struck with Peter's wisdom on how to grow in several important areas of our lives. I'm using the Amplified Bible here because it seemed to help me grasp these truths better.

2Peter 1:3-9

For His divine power has bestowed on us [absolutely] everything necessary for [a dynamic spiritual] life and godliness, through true and personal knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has bestowed on us His precious and magnificent promises [of inexpressible value], so that by them you may escape from the immoral freedom that is in the world because of disreputable desire, and become sharers of the divine nature.

For this very reason, applying your diligence [to the divine promises, make every effort] in [exercising] your faith to, develop moral excellence, and in moral excellence, knowledge (insight, understanding), and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, steadfastness, and in your steadfastness, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly affection, and in your brotherly affection, [develop Christian] love [that is, learn to unselfishly seek the best for others and to do things for their benefit]. For as these qualities are yours and are increasing [in you as you grow toward spiritual maturity], they will keep you from being useless and unproductive in regard to the true knowledge and greater understanding of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is blind--shortsighted [closing spiritual eyes to the truth], having become oblivious to the fact that we are cleansed from our old sins.

As we start into the final segment of 2024 with all the uncertainty of conflicts abroad and here at home please continue to pray for Alpha that our work with hurting folks will continue as long as God desires. Thank you for your financial help!! We are seeing many more people who are seriously struggling financially and you make it possible for them to get needed help. God bless you!! . Richard