FORTIFYING OUR FAITH WHILE FOCUSING ON OUR FUTURE

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FORTIFY YOUR FAITH?
FORTIFY

TO MAKE STRONG

IMPART

STRENGTH OR VIGOR
FORTIFY

TO INCREASE EFFECTIVENESS OF, AS BY ADDITIONAL INGREDIENTS
II PETER 2:1-11

LET'S LOOK AT
Written by Peter near the end of his life

Written to churches in Asia Minor
To cultivate Christian growth
To combat false teaching in the church
To create watchfulness regarding the Lord’s return
GOODNESS

Moral excellence

Virtuous course of thought, feeling and action
Moral wisdom, such as is seen in right living.
SELF-CONTROL

The virtue of one who masters his/her desires and passions, especially sensual appetites.
Not swerving in deliberate purpose and loyalty to faith even by greatest trials and suffering.
GODLINES

Reverence

Respect
The love which Christians cherish for each other as brethren.
Agape

Unconditional, selfless, self-giving, sacrificial love
USEFUL AND FRUITFUL

UNFRUITFUL: Not yielding what it ought to yield
Short-sighted
Only see what is near.
HOW?
STAY CONNECTED TO THE VINE

JOHN 15
YOUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT!!

II PETER 2:10-11