

problem:

2 pet 2:1 -secret heresies are hard to spot- fruitless frauds are not

fruitless frauds - Matt 7:15-23 - who don't actually have a personal relationship with Christ.

Main Idea:

strive to adorn you faith with fruit

Make every effort to supplement your faith

2Pet. 1:5 For this very reason, **make every effort (σπουδῇν) to supplement (ἐπιχορηγήσαι) (furnish the chorus 5x's) your faith with** virtue (moral excellency), and virtue with knowledge,

2Pet. 1:6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness,

2Pet. 1:7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

for this very reason - 2 Peter 1:3-4

(2 Peter 1:3 -called to excellence= virtue)

true virtue, for the saint, is not about polishing human qualities nor adding

them to divine ones but it is about shining forth the divine qualities now

non-believers can have self control and endurance but it points to them not to God

leading to love- 1 Tim 1:5; col 3:12-14;; 1 Cor 13-

Jn 13:34-35 -out of tune - love-distinguishing mark of real faith

So as not to be unfruitful

2Pet. 1:8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing (abounding/overflowing), **they keep you from being ineffective (out of tune- idlers/useless) or unfruitful** in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2Pet. 1:9 For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.

increasing/abounding - 2 Cor 9:6-8 - God is able- God doesn't make junk

keep you from being unfruitful - Gal 5:16-26;

forgotten - 1 Pet 1:14-16

Be all the more diligent to confirm your calling

2Pet. 1:10 Therefore, brothers, **be all the more diligent** (same as 1:5) (**σπουδάσατε**) confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.

2Pet. 1:11 For in this way there will be richly **provided (ἐπιχορηγηθήσεται) (same as supplement in 1:5 - furnished- fellowship harmony with the Divine nature)** for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

confirm your calling and election - James 2:14-18; 2 Cor 13:5

we are saved by faith alone but the faith that saves in never alone. good works cannot

produce salvation but salvation certainly produces good works.

His workmanship - (eph 2:8-10)- 2 Cor 3:2-3

He is the true vine - John 15:1-17 - and He produces fruit

Established in the truth

2Pet. 1:12 ¶ Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are **established in the truth** that you have.

2Pet. 1:13 I think it right, as long as I am in this body, **to stir you up** by way of reminder,

2Pet. 1:14 since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.

2Pet. 1:15 And I will make **every effort** so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

2 Peter 2:1-3 - the point distinguishing from the false - good for the church

stir up - every effort - Phil 2:12-13

Implication

Make every effort

Be all the more diligent

make every effort

Phil 2:12-13

why?

Heresy cannot hide for long in a church striving for fruitfulness

Immorality will stand out

in a culture striving towards moral excellence

False teaching will stand out

in a culture striving towards biblical literacy

Fake movements of the spirit will stand out

in a culture striving towards self-control

Swerving from the truth will stand out

in a culture striving to persevere

The flesh will stand out

in a culture striving towards godliness

Selfishness will stand out

in a culture striving towards brotherly affection

Apathy will stand out

in a culture striving towards sacrificial love

Application

Church

Do not be ashamed to strive. It is our calling and we are His work in progress

read the following articles and discuss:

<https://bible.org/question/how-can-we-discern-false-teachers>

<http://www.desiringgod.org/sermons/confirm-your-election>

<http://acts29.org/2015/03/14/does-your-church-have-love-or-relevance-at-its-core/>