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2 Peter 1:1-2

Simeon Peter,  
a servant and apostle  
of Jesus Christ...

Matthew 20:25-28

But Jesus called them to him and said,  
“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles  
lord it over them, and their great ones  
exercise authority over them.

It shall not be so among you.

But whoever would be great among you  
must be your servant,

and whoever would be first among you  
must be your slave,

even as the Son of Man came not to be served  
but to serve, and to give his life  
as a ransom for many.”

Romans 6:16-18

Do you not know that if you present yourselves  
to anyone as obedient slaves,  
you are slaves of the one whom you obey,  
either of sin, which leads to death,  
or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

But thanks be to God, that you who were once  
slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart  
to the standard of teaching  
to which you were committed, and,  
having been set free from sin,  
have become slaves of righteousness.

Romans 6:19-20

I am speaking in human terms,  
because of your natural limitations.

For just as you once presented your members  
as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness  
leading to more lawlessness,  
so now present your members  
as slaves to righteousness  
leading to sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin,  
you were free in regard to righteousness.

Romans 6:21-23

But what fruit were you getting at that time  
from the things of which you are now ashamed?  
The end of those things is death.

But now that you have been set free from sin  
and have become slaves of God,  
the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end,  
eternal life.

For the wages of sin is death,  
but the free gift of God is eternal life  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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of equal standing with ours  
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and Savior Jesus Christ:

May grace and peace be multiplied to you  
in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13:44-46

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

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2 Peter 1:3-4

His divine power has granted to us all things  
that pertain to life and godliness,  
through the knowledge of him who called us  
to his own glory and excellence *[arete]*,  
by which he has granted to us  
his precious and very great promises,  
so that through them you may become  
partakers of the divine nature,  
having escaped from the corruption  
that is in the world because of sinful desire.

2 Peter 1:5-7

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to supplement your faith with virtue *[arete]*,  
and virtue with knowledge,  
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2 Peter 1:8-9

For if these qualities are yours and are increasing,  
they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful  
in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

2 Peter 1:10-11

Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent  
to make your calling and election sure,  
for if you practice these qualities  
you will never fall.

For in this way there will be richly provided for you  
an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord  
and Savior Jesus Christ.



2 Peter 1:12-15

Therefore I intend always  
to remind you of these qualities,  
though you know them and are established  
in the truth that you have.

I think it right, as long as I am in this body,  
to stir you up by way of reminder, since I know  
that the putting off of my body will be soon,  
as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.

And I will make every effort  
so that after my departure you may be able  
at any time to recall these things.

2 Peter 1:16-18

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths  
when we made known to you  
the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

For when he received honor and glory  
from God the Father, and the voice  
was borne to him by the Majestic Glory,

“This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased,”  
we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven,  
for we were with him on the holy mountain.

2 Peter 1:19-21

And we have something more sure,  
the prophetic word, to which you will do well  
to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place,  
until the day dawns and the morning star rises  
in your hearts, knowing this first of all,  
that no prophecy of Scripture  
comes from someone's own interpretation.

For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man,  
but men spoke from God  
as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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For we are his workmanship,

created in Christ Jesus for good works,

which God prepared beforehand,

that we should walk in them.

Hebrews 11:1

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