

Rise Above

“No longer ineffective and unproductive”

HOPE CHURCH

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2 Peter 1:3-11

³His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.

¹⁰ Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, ¹¹ and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



1. What are we _____ for in this Life?

2. Rising Above is NOT about:

- a. Becoming _____
- b. Trying _____
- c. _____ Management

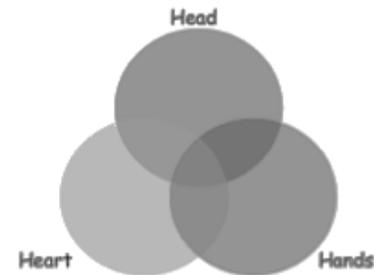
3. Rising Above IS about:

- a. Growing in our _____ of

- b. And becoming _____

4. The Spiritual Marks of Rising Above
(in 2 Peter 1:5-6)

- a. Goodness
- b. Knowledge



5. Where Do We Go from Here?

- a. Focus On _____ and not

- b. Recognize the difference between
_____ and _____
- c. _____ is motivated by fear
- d. _____ is motivated by love
- e. Look for ways _____