



# The Last of Peter's Last Words

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**In Peter's very last words he summarizes the most important themes of his last letter. Themes that ought to drive our lives.**

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<sup>8</sup> But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.



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- **Be devoted above all else, to growing in our understanding and experience of God.**



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## 2 Peter 1:1-4



<sup>1</sup> Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup> May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the **knowledge** of **God** and of **Jesus our Lord**. <sup>3</sup> 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,

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<sup>4</sup> 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.

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