

Obtaining the Promises

- The Last Day
- Character Development
- Usefulness

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The Last Day

Based on having God's brand of faith

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Character Development by the Spirit

- Overcoming ourselves
- Cultivating a gracious nature
- Being at peace
- Having an intense desire to fix what ails others (mercy)
- Doing what is best for others regardless of the effect on me (love)
- Understanding God
- Making wise choices
- Insight for explaining the gospel

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Being useful

- Essential to achieving the purpose of creation: a big family that will last.
- The vehicle by which the message is transmitted
- Those through whom people meet God

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How do we get there?

- Prayer
- Meditating on the Scriptures
- Church stuff

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1. Emotional uplift
 - a. Built up
 - b. Connected
 - c. Having hope
 - d. Having peace
 - e. Comfort
 - f. Contentment

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2. Reminder of simple but important stuff
 - a. Connected
 - b. Unified
 - c. Sanctified
 - d. Forgiven through Jesus
 - e. Transformed

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3. Burst our bubbles
 - a. Reality
 - b. Liberty
 - c. We can have it all
 - d. Excuses
 - e. Convenient rationalizations

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4. Finding love by illustration
 - a. God's brand is given to the faithful
 - b. Seeing His brand means we know we are approved
 - c. Maintaining Jesus' standard
 - d. Essential to hope, comfort, and confidence

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5. Finding faith by illustration
 - a. Not sucked in by worldly definitions
 - b. Imitate the faith of the successful
 - c. Follow those whose faith works well
 - d. Examples are better than theory

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6. Finding opportunity in bad times
 - a. My strength is made perfect in weakness.
 - b. After comfort, advance from where you are
 - c. Overcoming is attractive

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1. Emotional uplift
2. Reminders of simple stuff
3. Burst our bubbles
4. Learning love
5. Following faith
6. Opportunity in bad times