

Watch and Pray:

- We often believe that we are not enough.
- We often believe that we do not have enough.

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“The subtle serpent taps into our deepest anxiety as humans: the fear that what I have, no matter how good it may be, is not enough. The haunting suspicion that someone else has it better than me. That someone else is better than me. So, not only do I not have enough, I am not enough. I am less than.”

Satan says, We are not enough.

1 Peter 1:2 NLT

God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and his Spirit has made you holy. As a result, you have obeyed him and have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ.

We do not believe we have enough.

2 Peter 3:3 NLT

By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life.

Discussion:

1. How does the enemy tell you that you are not enough?
2. How does the enemy tell you that you do not have enough?

Be Like Jesus

Part 8: Enough



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Peter knows that the early church has three main threats:

1. The Persecutors
2. The Enemy
3. The Falses Teachers

John 16.33

In this world, you will have trouble.”

Matthew 5.11-12

blessed when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.”

1 Peter 2:12 NLT

Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.

The Enemy

1 Peter 5:8-9 NLT

8 Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. 9 Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.

The Greek word for devour is *katapiein*, literally meaning to:

- swallow
- drown
- destroy
- consume

2 Peter 3:17-18 NLT

...So be on guard; then you will not be carried away by the errors of these wicked people and lose your own secure footing. 18 Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:11-13 NLT

But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness. And so, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, make every effort to be found living peaceful lives that are pure and blameless in his sight.

Peter's Final Words

2 Peter 3:14-17 NLT

14 And so, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, make every effort to be found living peaceful lives that are pure and blameless in his sight.

15 And remember, our Lord's patience gives people time to be saved. This is what our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you with the wisdom God gave him— 16 speaking of these things in all of his letters. Some of his comments are hard to understand, and those who are ignorant and unstable have twisted his letters to mean something quite different, just as they do with other parts of Scripture. And this will result in their destruction.

17 You already know these things, dear friends. So be on guard; then you will not be carried away by the errors of these wicked people and lose your own secure footing. 18 Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All glory to him, both now and forever! Amen.

Luke 21:34 NLT

34 "Watch out! Don't let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries of this life.

The word translated "watch" means "to have the alertness of a guard at night."

1 Peter 5:7 NLT

Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.