

Seek and this is how you will find

¹ You whom I love, this is now the second letter I am writing to you. In these, I rouse you to remember your pure mind ² by recalling the words that were spoken in the past by the holy prophets, and by the commandment of our Lord and Saviour through your apostles.

³ First, know this, that in the last days mockers will come, mocking and going along with their own desires, ⁴ and saying "Where is the promise of His coming? Ever since our forefathers fell asleep, everything continues as it has from the beginning of creation."

⁵ They even deliberately conceal, that the heavens came into being, and the earth was formed out from water and through water, by Word of God, ⁶ through which, the world of that time perished in the flood. ⁷ But by that same Word, the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly people.

2 Peter 3:5-7

Smart thinking means

listening to God's v1-2

Learn wholistic v1

Set an example in... 1 Timothy 4:12

'Purify my heart, Let me be as gold'

Psalm 73:1, Matt.5:8, Psalm 24:3-4

has every spiritual blessing, Eph 1:3

Learn whole-hearted v2

built on the foundation of... Eph.2:20

do everything... Deut. 5:32, 12:32

Hear, then does/does not act... Matt.7:26

Deep understanding means

looking into God's v3-4

I want to know Christ. Phil.3:10

God is merciful and v3

eg. Hardening of Pharaoh's heart

God is gracious and v4

I, the Lord, do not change. Mal.3:6

The Lord is not slow, He wants... 2 Pet.3:9

Thorough knowing means

longing for God's v5-7

God had a Plan from before the v5-6

The earth is the Lord's... Psalm 24:1-4

From before the Creation, Revelation 13:8

God has a Plan for beyond the v7

My prayer priorities for this week

S 3 Clarence and Irene

M 4 Jim C. Lerida. Hour of Power

T 5 Robert & Dianne. Diamond Ladies

W 6 Lurline & Terry. Home Group

T 7 Joy D. Mary F.

F 8 Rosalie & Jim D

S 9 Ian & Eleanor

S 10 Barry & Marion

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. The Bible helps us to remember what God has given us (v1). What are three of your favourite gifts from God?
2. List some advantages of being able to quote the actual words of Scripture (v2). Is it ok just to get the gist of Scripture?
3. What is one of the mockers' complaints (v4)? Are they right (Luke 17:26-30)? What does this tell us about God (2 Peter 3:9)?
4. What is a challenging answer to the mockers?
5. Read v5 and Genesis 1:1-2. What similarities did you notice? What might the mockers hope to gain by rejecting the first bible verses?
6. What does the Word of God do (v5) and (v6) and (v7)? How do you explain the differences between these verses?

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