

First Friends Church

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## Prepared to Walk - Ready to Run

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Three phases in the Kingdom Calendar:

† the Arrangement Phase

† the Betrothal Phase

† the Celebration Phase

A. We are currently in the Betrothal Phase of the Kingdom Calendar

1. What instructions have we been given as we await His return?
2. How are we to prepare for the coming of Christ?

B. *2 Peter 1:3-9*

His divine power has given us everything we need . . .

1. "Make every effort": *pareisenenkantes*  
to work alongside of
2. "to *add* to your faith, goodness . . . ": *epichorego*  
generous and costly cooperation

Faith	→	Goodness
Goodness	→	Knowledge
Knowledge	→	Self-control
Self-control	→	Perseverance
Perseverance	→	Godliness
Godliness	→	Brotherly Kindness
Brotherly Kindness	→	Love

C. 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. (v. 8)

1. Our God is not stingy! He will supply where we apply!

D. We are in a race for the finish line. *Hebrews 12:1-3*

1. We have been Prepared to Walk but let us always be

Ready to Run

2. We have Jesus cheering us on; "consider him . . . so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witness, let us throw off everything that hinders, and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.*

*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

*Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*