Is Carnal OK?
2 Peter 1:9

PROPOSITION: We are spiritually blind, ineffective, unproductive and willfully self-focused when we chose not to put current effort into godly qualities.

I. Encouragement – these efforts lead to effective & fruitful spiritual life 2 Peter 1:8

A. Valuable even if less freedom

B. Valuable even if less education

C. Valuable even if less status or power

D. Valuable even if less opportunity

E. Valuable if you feel like “a nobody”

II. Warning - Neglect leads to a wasted spiritual life 2 Peter 1:9a

A. Self-focused/myopic “nearsighted”

B. Spiritually blind “blind”

C. Willful (how can the blind be nearsighted?) “blind & nearsighted”

III. The power of grace and thankfulness 2 Peter 1:9b

A. Undeserved grace (“cleansed from their past sins”)

B. Remembered thankfulness (“forgetting that they have been”)

C. Active response

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