2 Peter Series - Growing in the Knowledge of the Lord

“How Then Shall We Live?”  David Owens
2 Peter 3:11-13  4.10.11

Introduction:
A. “When we begin to believe the reality of the other side, we start ______ differently on this side.” Joseph Stowell
B. In light of Jesus’ certain _______, we must ask and answer a very important question: How then shall we ______?

I. Be Diligent to Live _______ ________. (3:11-14)
A. Our conduct should be characterized by ________ and ________.
B. When Jesus returns, we want to be found ________, ________, and at _______ with Him.

II. Be Diligent to ______ the _______. (3:15-16)
A. Peter explained why the Lord had delayed fulfilling His promise to return—His _______ desire to see more people ______.
B. While we are diligently trying to win the lost, ______ is at work trying to ______ our efforts.
C. How can Christians speed the coming of Jesus?
   1. It can be done through ________.
   2. It can be done through ________.
   3. It can be done through ________.

III. Be Diligent to ______ Yourself and _______ Spiritually.
A. The word translated “_______” carries the meaning of constantly ________ yourself.
B. The command to “_______” carries the meaning of constantly ________.
C. We are to keep on growing in the _______ and ________ of Jesus.
D. Knowing the _____ is knowing more than just the _____ of the Bible.

Conclusion:
A. What ________ do you need to put in place today?
   1. What changes do you need to make to be living a more ________ ________?
   2. What actions do you need to start to begin reaching out to the _____?
   3. What steps do you need to take to ______ yourself and begin ______?
B. The last thing we want to do is to be found _______ on the job.