

## How to keep your balance in an unstable world

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, you whom I love, as you anticipate these things, remain diligent to be unstained and unblemished through Him. To be found in peace.

<sup>15</sup> The patience of our Lord prioritises salvation. And so does our beloved brother, Paul, who wrote you with the wisdom God gave him. <sup>16</sup> In all his letters, he also speaks of these topics, including some difficult-to-understand topics.

The unlearned, and unstable, distort these topics, as they do the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

<sup>17</sup> You whom I love, since you already know these things, be on guard so that you will not be carried away by the error of irresponsible people and fall from your secure standing.

<sup>18</sup> Now, grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now, and to the Day of Eternity. Amen.

2 Peter 3:14-18

### Keep your balance by looking . . . . .

Move on, with what you . . . . .  
'has blessed us' Ephesians 1:3

Move on, to what you . . . . .  
'My peace I give to you' John 14:27  
'Let the peace of Christ rule' Coloss.3:15  
*Balance brings blessing*

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Move on, holding God's . . . . .  
'from... and... into' Colossians 1:13  
'The Lord is patient...' 2 Peter 3:9

Move on, holding God's . . . . .  
What makes the Bible: God's Word?  
'eyewitnesses' 2 Peter 1:16  
'comes true' Deuteronomy 18:20-22

How do I read the Bible...?  
'a shadow... the body' Colossians 2:16-17  
'Christ the cornerstone' Ephes.2:20-21  
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Move on, guarding your . . . . .  
'built on the foundation' Eph.2:20-21

Move on, guarding your . . . . .  
'grow, grace, knowledge' v18

## My prayer priorities for this week

- S 17 Elsie & Bert
- M 18 Karen & Hung
- T 19 Albert & Vinh-On, Samuel, Abigail
- W 20 Vi-Lay L. Bianca R.
- T 21 Alison & Richard, Brian
- F 22 Mary P
- S 23 Peter & Elly
- S 24 Taina M. May T.

## Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. Have you ever tried a balance beam? When was the last time you consciously had to balance something, or even balance yourself?
2. We are to 'remain diligent' (v14) for what purposes?
3. How do you determine your priorities? How do you determine your values? What is a priority for God (v15)?
4. Why would people want to distort Scripture (v16)?
5. We are to 'be on guard' (v17). On guard against what? How is this different from 'remain diligent' (v14)?
6. What are some differences between growing in grace, and growing in knowledge (v18)?
7. If you knew you could say only one more sentence, what would your last words be? (v18)

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