

life in the very last days

a study of the second letter from Peter

* even in the very last days quality Christianity **counts!** 1:5-9

if these are the very last days what do "these qualities" matter?
these "qualities" matter even in the very last days because ...

1. you've "escaped the corruption that is in the world."

Now for this very reason also, (5a; see 1:4c)

*do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God?
Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself
an enemy of God. (James 4:4b-c)*

2. they're the evidence of "the divine nature." (see 1:4b)

a. you're "partaking" of His personal qualities.

applying all diligence,
in your faith supply moral excellence,
and in your moral excellence, knowledge; (5b-e)

and in your knowledge, self-control,
and in your self-control, perseverance,
and in your perseverance, godliness; (6)

b. you're "partaking" of His relational qualities.

and in your godliness, brotherly kindness,
and in your brotherly kindness, love. (7)

*the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; (Galatians 5:22-23b)*

3. these qualities will keep you spiritually healthy.

a. allowing you to remain useful.

For if these qualities are yours and are increasing,
they render you neither useless nor unfruitful
in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (8)

b. allowing you to remain insightful.

For he who lacks these qualities is blind or shortsighted,
having forgotten his purification from his former sins. (9)

*"By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit,
and so prove to be My disciples." (John 15:8)*

*if these qualities are yours and are increasing,
you've got qualities in quantity!*