

A Living Hope and Your Personal Board of Directors - 1 Peter 1

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Here is the beginning of a letter I received two days ago.

”My friend and I were discussing workshops and training we've each presented. He encouraged me to do a practice from one of his. It is to select the people from my life that I would put on my personal board of directors, then write and tell what they contributed to my life and to who I am today and send it. I'm doing that now.”

What a brilliant idea! What if we all did this? Choose 5 to 7 people who have had the greatest influence in our life and tell them how they have helped you become a much better Christian.

Read Revelation 3:21 - You are invited to be on God’s Board of Directors!!!

Paul’s Letter About God: Our CEO (chief executive officer) Like Peter, one of those seven “board” letters can be to God.

1 Peter 1:3-10 - 12 Praises to God

1-Praise to God the Father (first in Lord’s prayer Matthew 6:9)

2-His Great Mercy (Matthew 9:13 Jesus: “I desire mercy not sacrifice“)

3-Given Us New Birth (Acts 2:38 Baptism; 2 Corinthians 4:16 Every day)

4-Into a Living Hope (Romans 15:13 Abounding in hope)

5-Through Resurrection of Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:14-15-Our Foundation)

6-Into an Inheritance (Revelation 21:1-7 Overcomers will inherit all this)

7-That Can Never Perish, Spoil or Fade (John 10:28 - no one snatch away)

8-Kept in Heaven for You (Revelation 22:12 “My reward is with me.”)

9-Who Through Faith (Ephesians 2:7-8 Saved by faith, not of ourselves, a gift)

10-Are Shielded by God’s Power (Psalms 34:7-Angels protect you)

11-Until the Coming Salvation (Revelation 21:4-no pain, sorrow, suffering, death)

12-Ready to be Revealed in the Last Time (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18-Rise into clouds)

12 attributes God is building in you to be on His “Board of Directors“

- 1-In this you greatly rejoice
- 2-Though for a little while you suffer grief through many trials
- 3-Have come so that your faith
- 4-Greater worth than gold -priceless
- 5-That perishes though refined by fire
- 6-May be proved genuine (faith)
- 7-Resulting in praise honor and glory when Jesus Christ is revealed
- 8-Though you have not seen him you love him;
- 9- Though you do not see him now, you believe in him
- 10-And are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy
- 11-For you are receiving the goal of your faith
- 12-The salvation of your souls.

V. 10-12 - Astounding Revelation about YOU - The Church. Even the angels find it hard to grasp what God is doing through the church. And they may be next. 1 Corinthians 6:3

V. 13-25- Focus on, obey and yield to Jesus’ sacrificial example of loving others deeply, from the heart, and he will qualify you to reign with him on his everlasting board of directors.