6. Be Growing (2:2)
(cf) a growing baby is measured every day, but spiritually we often are not.
Even by the year we often cannot see any growth—individually and as congregation.

7. Be Pilgrims (Sojourners) (2:11)
abstain from fleshly lusts.
This is not our home (only passing through).

8. Be Submissive (2:13, 18; 3:1)
civil government; as servants;
as wives; as children, to God—Christ.

9. Be Like-Minded
of one mind—sainted—no divisions.

10. Be Enlarged (vs 3:17)
through suffering.

11. Be Sound Minded & Sober (4:7)
strong and firm
not given to fancies.

CONCLUSION:
Let us begin with a lesson from the bees and begin working.
We must have all of the (Be's), which Peter expresses if we expect to be pleasing.

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Pete's "Be Hive"
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I. Peter 1:3

Introduction:
A. Bee hive - many members, all busy.
   Always ready to put forth the sting.
   (Define their works & queen, everyone knows who this is)

B. We can gain a great lesson from watching bees.

Body:

I. Many church members are always busy.
   (Worker bee - the industrious bee)
   (Droning droning in church)
   Nothing, eats off of everyone else.

B. Queen like unto King Jesus
   Honey like unto good works.

C. Imagine bees doing only enough to get
   through the winter.
   Giving only enough to take care
   of necessary things: preacher's salary
   lights, gas, and that's all.

Bees are not self-satisfied - we cannot
be self-satisfied Christians.

II. Be Prepared

There is a place prepared (vs 14)
Are you prepared to meet your God???

2. Be Sober (Hopeful for eternal life.)
   Alcoholics - drunk - free from this.
   Can be drunk without alcohol? drunk
   on things of world, when one becomes
   dogmatic, fanatic, (ignorance)

3. Be Holy (vs 15-17) (in life, every work)
   Separation from the world and
   consecration to God.

4. Be God-fearing (vs 17)
   Not that he will hurt, but that we
   will hurt him.
   Acts 10:35 "fear & work righteousness
   accepted"
   Hab 1:28 "offer service with fear."

5. Be Loving (vs 22)
   When you love enemy, you grow
   (Ch 4:8)