

Series: 1 Peter – Keeping the Faith in Tough Times – Pt. 5 of 12
Scripture: 1 Peter 2:11-12
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LIVING WITH INTEGRITY TOWARD OTHERS

1 Peter 2:11-12 *Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. [12] Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.*

How to interact with the world you come in to contact with...

1. KNOW YOUR _____ IN THIS WORLD!

Vs. 11a *Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world...*

The word “alien” means... “people who live in a place that is _____ their _____”.

The word “stranger” means... “having a _____ nationality and a _____ residence”.

Peter is saying is this: *Your real _____, if you're a believer, isn't here on _____.*

Two reasons Peter addresses them this way...

1. *To remember that something _____ is waiting for them!*

Philip. 3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,

1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world or anything in the world... The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

2. *You must _____ the laws and morals of the nation you are a _____ of!*

Therefore, we are to live according to the _____ of God and his kingdom, not of this _____!

2. KNOW HOW TO _____ IN THIS WORLD!

Vs. 11b *...abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.*

Abstinence means to “hold oneself constantly _____”.

Peter says you are to constantly hold yourself _____ sinful desires!

Romans 7:15 *I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.*

How do I abstain from sinful desires?

Romans 8:5,9a *Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires... You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit....*

Why should I abstain from sinful desires?

1. It _____ God.
2. It makes my life _____.
3. It _____ God among _____!

3. KNOW YOUR _____ ON OTHERS IN THIS WORLD!

Vs 12 *Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.*

What do non-believers watch in us? The watch to see if your _____ matches your _____!

Matthew 5:16 *In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.*

Vs 12 (The Message) *Live an exemplary life among the natives so that your actions will refute their prejudices. **Then they'll be won over to God's side and be there to join in the celebration when he arrives.***

You're the only _____ a person may _____!!!