

I Peter 2:11-17

How to Live Faithfully in a Pagan Land

1. Live _____ and _____ Lives: (11-12)

- a. A direct personal _____: (11)
 - i. Live as if this _____ were not your _____. –*Gen 23:4; 1 Pet 1:1*
 - ii. Abstain from fleshly desires that _____ against you. –*1 Pet 1:14; 4:2-3*
- b. The _____ and _____ of the command: (12)
 - i. Keep your conduct among the _____ honorable. –*1 Pet 1:15*
 - ii. So that: ‘*When they speak against you as evil doers*’. –*1 Pet 4:3-5*
 1. They may _____ your good deeds. –*1 Pet 3:1-2*
 2. And _____ God on the day of visitation. –*Luke 19:41-44*

2. Be _____ and _____ Citizens: (13-17)

- a. Be _____: (13-14)
 - i. For the Lord's sake. –*Rom 13:1-7; 1 Pet 3:22*
 - ii. To _____ human institution:
 1. To the king as to one in _____. –*Titus 3:1-2*
 2. Governors as those who punish evil and praise good. –*Rom 13:3*
 3. This is not an _____ list. –*1 Pet 2:18-20; 3:1-7*
 4. Not only when they _____. –*1 Pet 2:18-3:7, 14-17*
 5. Not without _____. –*Acts 4:19; 5:29; 25:11*
- b. God's _____ in our _____: (15)
 - i. That our good deeds should be seen by the world. –*Matt 5:16*
 - ii. That they silence the ignorance of foolish people. –*Matt 22:34*
- c. The _____ of our _____:
 - i. Live as _____ men who are _____ of God. –*1 Pet 1:17-19*
 - ii. Not using our freedom to _____ our own evil. –*1 Pet 2:20-23*
- d. The _____ of our _____: (17)
 - i. Give _____ to all. –*Eph 6:2; Titus 3:1-2*
 - ii. _____ the brotherhood. –*1 Pet 5:9*
 - iii. _____ God, and _____ the king. –*1 Pet 1:17; Prov 24:21; Dan 6:21*

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Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

¹³ Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.