

Living Like We Don't Belong

1 Peter 2:11-12 Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, ¹² having your conduct honorable among the *Gentiles*, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

I. Our _____.

A. Sojourners

πάροικος, paroikos - alien, stranger, exile

Ephesians 2:19

B. Pilgrims

παρεπίδημος, parepidēmos - temporary resident; refugee

1 Peter 1:1-2

Philippians 3:20-21; Ephesians 2:19

II. God's _____ to us

A. Abstain

ἀπέχω, apechō - abstain from, avoid, keep free

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5; 1 Thessalonians 5:22

Fleshly lusts -

1 John 2:15-17

B. Which war against your soul

War - στρατεύομαι, strateuomai - serve as a soldier; wage war, battle

1 Timothy 1:18-19; 2 Timothy 2:4; Romans 7:18; 21-23

III. Our _____ to others

A. Your conduct

Conduct - ἀναστροφή, anastrophē - manner of life, conduct

1. It should be honorable

Honorable - καλός, kalos - good; right, proper, fitting; (91 times -mostly "good.").

Galatians 6:9; Titus 3:8

2. Among *Gentiles*

B Your good works

1. Good works

Good - same as above.

Works - ἔργον, ergon - work, deed, action; task, occupation, undertaking;

We have good conduct by continuing in good works - We create a good conduct one good work at a time.

2. They should be observed

Observed - ἐποπτεύω, epopteuō - see, observe

1 Timothy 5:24-25

IV. Our _____ to others

A. How they _____ of you

1. They will speak _____ you

1 Peter 3:14-17

2. They will call you an _____

B. How they will _____ of God

1. In the day of visitation

Visitation - ἐπισκοπή, episkopē - visitation (of God's presence among men); office, place of service; office of bishop.

Luke 19:41-44

2. They will _____ God

1 Peter 2:15; Romans 2:21-24

You do not belong to this world. The things of the world are at war with your soul. We, as citizens of heaven, need to act like we are citizens of heaven. Unsaved people are watching us to see how we are going to act. Even when they mock and ridicule us, they want to know if Christianity is real. The way we live and the way we act will make a difference in the lives of others. Lets seek to please and glorify God.