



**BE WARNED:**  
**Appetites of the Flesh War for Your Soul!**

*(The Power of a Beautiful Life)*

**1 Peter 2:11-12**

*“Peter began his letter by calling these believers ‘strangers’ and ‘exiles’ in this world. He repeats that emphasis in chapter 2, emphasizing again that they have been redeemed from their former futile way of living to a new and ‘beautiful’ way of life. By God’s gracious work, through the gift of faith and repentance, they have become God’s treasured possession. As such, they are estranged in this world, and so are we.”*

**Daniel Doriani**

*“Peter will not allow these Christians to forget that they are sojourners on earth, that their real citizenship is in heaven. He stresses this because one’s citizenship is where one roots their customs, mores and behavior. Peter insists, urges and implores these believers to remember who they are—citizens of heaven—and that their lives are to demonstrate that publicly, taking their daily ‘cues’ for behavior, not from the world, but from heaven itself. And, so must we.”*

**R.C. Sproul**

*“In the past our culture rebelled against Christianity, but it never doubted that Christian morals were good. This is not the case anymore. Christian morality is increasingly seen as bad and harmful. Christians who were once thought of as good but boring are now seen as hateful and bigoted. What the Bible says is ‘bad,’ the world often calls ‘good.’ Being bad (as the Bible would define it) is now often seen as morally good. Virtue signals have replaced virtue. We live in a world today where a ‘good person’ is simply someone who believes in the right causes and clicks ‘like’ on the right posts. They’re now the good guys, while we are considered the bad guys.”*

**Tom Habib**

*“The reason why we ought to do all that we are called to do as Christians – worship God, love our neighbor, flee lusts, tithe our income, whatever – is because that is the road to the joy that God has made us for.”*

**Robert S. Rayburn**

**I. Peter’s Affection: “Beloved...” vs. 11**

- A. More than “Dear Friends” (NIV)
- B. Beloved more like “Family” (unified Brothers) than friends **1Peter 1:2,9,16** (*Sprinkled, Saved, Holy*)
- C. They share a *Faith in Christ* and his *Heavenly Inheritance* **1Peter 1:4**

**II. Peter the Pastor: “I Urge You...” vs. 11**

- A. To Remember you are “*Aliens and Strangers*” in this World
- B. To “Abstain” from “*Fleshly Appetites- Strong Controlling Desires*” **1 Peter 4:2-5**
- C. Which “*War against your souls*” **Ephesians 2:1-5, Galatians 5:16-17**

**III. Peter the Evangelist: “Live a Beautiful Life for the Glory of God” vs. 12**

- A. Live “*Good, Beautiful, Attractive, Lovely Lives....*” **James 3:13**
- B. That though the pagans accuse of being “*Bad, Wicked People*”
- C. A “*Good and Beautiful Witness*” results in God’s Glory on “**The Day He Comes**” **1 Timothy 6:14**

**Philippians 2:9–11**

**Ezekiel 36:26-27**

### **1 Peter 2:11-12 NIV**

11 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage 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.

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11 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.

### **Ephesians 2:1-5**

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, **gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts.** Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

### **Galatians 5:16-17**

Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. **They are in conflict with each other**, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

### **James 3:13**

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

### **1 Peter 4:2-5**

(Believers in Christ) do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. 3 For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. 4 They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. 5 But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

### **Titus 2:12-14**

The grace of God teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

**Philippians 2:9-11** God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is eLord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **Ezekiel 36:26-27**

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.