

1 Peter 2:11-12

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1Peter2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; **12** Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Strangers and pilgrims

Hebrews 11:13

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

The War

Galatians 5:17 For the **flesh lusteth against the Spirit**, and the **Spirit against the flesh**: and these are **contrary** the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

War strategy: Abstain

Proverbs 4:14 Enter not into the path of the wicked, and **go not** in the way of evil *men*. **15** Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

Abstinence takes discipline

1 Corinthians 9:24

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. **25** And every man that **striveth for the mastery** is **temperate** in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. **26** I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as

one that beateth the air: **27** But **I keep under my body**, and **bring it into subjection** : lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Works of flesh

Galatians 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these* ; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, **20** Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, **21** Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Eliminate the enemy completely

1Thessalonians 5:22 Abstain from **all** appearance of evil.

Deuteronomy 20:16 But of the cities of these people, which the LORD thy God doth give thee *for* an inheritance, thou shalt save alive **nothing** that breatheth: **17** But thou shalt **utterly destroy** them; *namely* , the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee: **18** That they **teach you not** to do after all their **abominations** , which they have done unto their gods; so should ye **sin against** the LORD your God.

Romans 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and **make not provision for the flesh**, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

Do the will of God ? Abstain

1Thessalonians 4:3 For this is the **will of God**, *even* your sanctification, that ye should **abstain** from fornication:

Love not and you will live

1John 2:15 **Love not** the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that *is* in the world, the **lust of the flesh**, and the **lust of the eyes**, and the **pride of life**, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the **will of God** abideth for ever. (live unto the age).

Romans 8:13 For if ye **live after the flesh, ye shall die**: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, **ye shall live**.

Put off old conversation

Ephesians 4:22 That ye **put off** concerning the former conversation the old man, which is **corrupt** according to the deceitful lusts;

Honest

1Thessalonians 4:12 That ye may **walk honestly** toward them that are **without**, and *that* ye may have lack of nothing.

Shinning lights

Matthew 5:16 Let your **light so shine** before men, that they may **see your good works**, and **glorify your Father** which is in heaven.

Speak evil of you

1Peter 3:15 But **sanctify** the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: 16 Having a **good conscience**; that, whereas they **speak evil of you**, as of evildoers, they **may be ashamed** that falsely accuse your **good conversation** in Christ.

1Peter 4:4

Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: 5 Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

Titus 2:7 In all things shewing thyself a **pattern of good works**: in doctrine *shewing* **uncorruptness**, **gravity**, **sincerity**, 8 **Sound speech** that cannot be **condemned**; that he that is of the contrary part may be **ashamed**, having **no evil thing to say of you**.