

"People who do not believe are living all around you. Live such good lives that they will see the good things you do and will give glory to God." 1 Peter 2:12

1. STAY AWAY FROM TEMPTATION.

"I urge you...to live in this world as 'strangers' and 'temporary residents' to keep clear of the desires of your lower nature, for they are always at war with your soul." 1 Peter 2:11 (Ph)

"Friends, this world is not your home, so don't make yourselves cozy in it. Don't indulge your ego at the expense of your soul." vs. 11 (TM)

"Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God." vs. 16 (NIV)

"It is God's will that your good lives should silence those who foolishly condemn the Gospel without knowing what it can do for them, having never experienced its power." vs. 15 (LB)

2. SHOW RESPECT AND YIELD TO AUTHORITY.

"For the Lord's sake, yield to the people who have authority in this world: the king, who is the highest authority, and the leaders who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right." 1 Peter 2:14 (NCV)

"Make the Master proud of you by being good citizens. Respect the authorities, whatever their level; they are God's emissaries for keeping order." vs. 14 (TM)

"Show respect for everyone. Love Christians everywhere. Fear God and honor the government." vs. 17 (LB)

"...Be good servants to your masters -- not just to good masters, but also to bad ones. What counts is that you put up with it for God's sake when you're treated badly for no good reason." vs. 18-19 (TM)

3. SEEK GOD IN SUFFERING.

"This is the kind of life you've been invited into, the kind of life Christ lived. He suffered everything that came his way so you would know that it could be done, and also how to do it, step by step." vs. 21 (TM)

"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to Him who judges justly." vs. 22-23 (NIV)

"...He suffered in silence, content to let God set things right." vs. 23 (TM)

JESUS: "You are the salt of the earth ... you are the light of the world ... Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matt. 5:13, 14, 16 (NIV)