Somebody Is Watching

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- 1Pe 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;
- 1Pe 2:12 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.

I. Dearly beloved (Not just beloved of Peter—But of God)

- Dan 9:23 ...for thou art greatly beloved...
- Mat 3:17 And lo a voice from heaven...This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.
- Joh 17:23 ...that the world may know that thou hast...loved them, as thou hast loved me.
- 1Pe 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father...
- 2Ti 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his...
- Rom 1:7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints...
- 1Pe 2:10 Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.
- Rom 9:25 As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved.

II. I beseech you

- Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.
- Eph 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

III. As strangers and pilgrims

- 1Pe 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout...
- Heb 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.
- Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

IV. Abstain from fleshly lusts

- 1Pe 1:14 ...not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:
- 1Pe 2:1 ...laying aside all malice...all guile...hypocrisies...envies, and all evil speakings,
- Rom 13:14 ...make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.
- Rom 8:12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

V. Which war against the soul

- Rom 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not.
- Rom 7:19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.
- Rom 7:20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.
- Rom 7:21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.
- Rom 7:22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:
- Rom 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.
- Rom 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?
- Gal 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.
- Gal 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.
- Gal 5:18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.
- Gal 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness (*in thought, word or action*), lasciviousness (*tendency to excite lusts*),
- Gal 5:20 Idolatry, witchcraft (seeking evil spirits), hatred, variance (quarrelling), emulations (desires to outdo), wrath, strife, seditions (uprisings), heresies (against truth),

- Gal 5:21 Envyings (grieving the good of others), murders, drunkenness, revellings (rioting), 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.
- Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.
- Gal 5:23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
- Gal 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.
- Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

VI. Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles

Conversation: manner of life, conduct, behaviour, deportment

Honest: beautiful to look at, commendable, admirable; good, honorable, genuine;

- 2Co 8:21 Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.
- Tit 2:7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine *shewing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,
- Tit 2:8 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.

VII. That, whereas they speak against you as evildoers

"It is the common lot of the best Christians to be evil spoken of by wicked men." (Henry)

- 1Pe 3:16 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.
- 1Pe 4:14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy *are ye*; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.
- Mat 5:11 Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
- Mat 10:24 The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.
- Mat 10:25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more *shall they call* them of his household?
- Mat 10:26 Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.
- Joh 18:30 ...If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.

- Act 24:5 For we have found this man *a* pestilent *fellow*, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes:
- 2Ti 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

VIII. By your good works which they shall behold

- 1Co 14:24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or *one* unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:
- 1Co 14:25 And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on *his* face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.
- 1Pe 3:1 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;
- 1Pe 3:2 While they behold your chaste conversation *coupled* with fear.
- Tit 2:3 The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;
- Tit 2:4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
- Tit 2:5 *To be* discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.
- 1Pe 5:3 Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.
- 1Ti 3:7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without...
- 1Th 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.
- Rom 14:16 Let not then your good be evil spoken of:
- Rom 14:21 *It is* good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor *any thing* whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.
- 1Co 8:13 Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

IX. Glorify God

- Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
- Isa 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.
- Isa 60:2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.
- Isa 60:3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light...

- Php 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;
- Php 2:16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

X. Day of visitation

- Act 15:14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.
- Joh 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.
- Mat 27:44 The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.
- Luk 23:39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him...
- Luk 23:40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God...