

Honorable Conduct

1 Peter 2:11-12

1. Engaging in the _____ (v. 11)

- a. Battle of _____
 - i. "Beloved" by _____
 - ii. Bereft of _____
- b. Battle of the _____
 - i. _____ the madness!
 - ii. Give no _____!

2. Engaging the _____ (v. 12)

- a. _____ among the nations
- b. Be _____ to the nations
 - i. Expecting _____
 - ii. Behaving _____

3. Engaging in the _____ (v. 12)

- a. Of the _____ of the nations
- b. Of the _____ of the nations

"For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God." (Romans 8:7-8)

"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." (Jeremiah 29:7)

For Further Study

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Read the text. How do we live "Kingdom Life" in a Fallen World?

Obstacle #1 – No Sense of Belonging

Read Jeremiah 29:4-7. While this sounds like straight forward advice, it is not so easy. Peter is giving much the same advice.

1. In what ways do we "not belong" here?
2. How do we handle being "different" or "foreign?"
3. What are the dangers to identifying as "aliens?"
4. Does this passage teach Christian isolationism?

Obstacle #2 – Battle of the Flesh

Read Romans 8:5-8. This comes right after Paul writes about his own fleshly battle in chapter 7. How dangerous is the flesh?

Read James 4:1-3. Is this battle just about refraining from action? The Puritans talked about the mortification of the flesh or of sin. Is this "enemy within" as powerful as those without?

Obstacle #3 – Encountering Slander

A literal rendition of verse 12 includes "that in what they speak against you as evil-doers, being eyewitnesses of good works, they should glorify God..." In other words, when we live a Kingdom Life in this Fallen World with good works to prove it...

1. The world should glorify God. However,
2. The world will instead slander us and call us evildoers.
 - Give an example of this in today's world.
 - How do we respond (according to Peter)?

Obstacle #4 – Battling the Me-Firsts and the Now Mentality

According to verse 12, who gets the glory for our good works? When will this happen?