

The Pilgrim Spirit

On a personal note

- **Beloved:** eight times in 1-2 Peter
 - ‘I beg you as those whom I love’ – Phillips
- **I beg you:**
 - We have a good name...
 - Christian: BE what you ARE
 - If we don't conduct ourselves as Christians ... who will?

I. Strangers / Pilgrims

Strangers

- Alien; in foreign country without right of citizenship.

Pilgrims

- Sojourning in strange place, away from one's own people. Visitor making brief stay.
 - Not from around here; soon transferred.

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ – Ph.3:20

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Hatred, 1:6-7

Destiny, 1:4

– Death – does it make a difference how?

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 - Abraham visited Canaan. Lk.16

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 - Nothing on earth can compare to heaven (15)

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5. We must focus on the goal, 16.
 - Yearn for, strive for, desire. 1 Tim.6:10

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II. Abstain

A clean break with our dirty past

- **Abstain:** keep away, refrain from; hold one's self away from.
- 1 Pt.4:3-4. Ro.6:20-23.

Watch and pray, Mt.26:41. 1 Pt.5:8

Fight, not flirt, Ja.4:7

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III. Fleshly Lusts

Lust: anything that distracts from Christ

- Fleshly: impulses that belong to the selfish lower side.
- Lust: strong desire for something, craving.
 - Context determines definition
 - Gal.2:20, Christian is abnormal

Asks Lord who concerning marriage, job, recreation, dress, conduct...

If you let Lord into your body for one day, would friends see a difference?

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IV. War Against

Active aggression.

For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish – Ga.5:17

Fight: carry on military campaign.

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil – Ep.6:11

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Soul: 1:9, 22; Mt.10:28; 16:26

- Most have it in reverse...
 - Society fears wrong things
 - Society fills itself with wrong things
- Sin may affect body (or not), but always affects soul

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VI. Results of Heeding
This Admonition, 12

1. World sees us

- What do they see? 'Good works'
 - Lovely, attractive, winsome [may win them to Christ . . .]
 - We are walking ads for God – not only different, but visual aids

2. World slanders us

- 'When they speak against you...' (cf. 4:15-16).
- Gentiles watched Christians to find fault...

Cannibalism

Immorality

Destroyed families

Disloyal to king

2. World slanders us

“Christians were slandered as irreligious because they do not worship heathen gods, ascetic because they refrain from popular vices, and disloyal to government because they claim allegiance to heavenly King” – Erdman

3. Answer to slander: pure life

- **Observe:** pay close attention, 12
 - 1 Pt.3:2; Mk.14:6; Dn.6
 - Actions speak louder than words

‘The world is a very poor critic of my Christianity, but it is a very sufficient one of my conduct’

1. World knows little about doctrine,
Lord's supper, work of church, etc.

- 2. World DOES know bad temper...self-
ishness, arrogance, dishonesty,
immodest dress, dirty jokes, etc.

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4. Preparing for the visit

- **Day of visitation:** coming, visiting, inspection – when He appears
 - When God intervenes directly in human affairs, either to . . .
 1. Bless, Gn.50:24-25
 2. Judge, Lk.19:44
- 1 Pt.1:1, 17 (Mt.5:16)