



Five Key Words for Every Believer

Abstaining

Key Word #4 - 1 Peter 2:11-12

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In the STUDY VERSE SECTION, God's Word is printed in regular faced text with Pastor Joe's commentary in the smaller faced text.

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Review

Key Word #1 - Growing • Key Word #2 - Building

Key Word #3 - Sacrificing

1. Our past is dark, despised and dead.
2. Our present is awesome: Jesus picked us, let us in, set us apart, shows us off, let's us speak of what He has done, and lights us up.
3. We are His possession—*We belong to God!*
4. Sacrifice: Because Jesus died for us, we must live for Him.

STUDY SECTION

Key Word #4 - Abstaining

A Word about Our Conduct

1. Commendable conduct viewed negatively.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 2:11, NASB95 -¹¹ Beloved [lit., dearly beloved, meaning "dearly loved-ones of God"; its used 8x by Peter], I urge [meaning "I beg you," "I plead with you," or "Hear the cry of my heart"] YOU AS aliens [lit., to have a home alongside, meaning "we live alongside others in this world"] and strangers [lit., visitor] to abstain [a commandment] from fleshly lusts [not limited to sexual immorality, but encompasses all evils of humanity's sinful nature] which wage war [Gk: strat-euo-mai, meaning "strategy," rf., to an ongoing strategy Satan has] against the soul.

1 Peter 2:11, TLB -¹¹ *Dear brothers, you are only visitors here. Since your real home is in heaven, I beg you to keep away from the evil pleasures of this world; they are not for you, for they fight against your very souls.*

2. Commendable conduct viewed positively.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 2:12, NASB95 -¹² Keep your behavior [lit., conduct] excellent among the Gentiles, [Gk: eth-nos, lit., nations] so that in the thing in which they slander [lit., to remove credibility] YOU AS evildoers, they [the unbelievers] may because of your good deeds [this word gives us our word "politics," meaning "to walk our words" (We must live what we teach or do what we say)], as they observe [Note: Lost people are watching] them, glorify God in the day of visitation [rf., the day Christ returns for His church. He wants the lost to be saved BEFORE that Lord returns.]

1 Peter 2:12, TLB -¹² *Be careful how you behave among your unsaved neighbors; for then, even if they are suspicious of you and talk against you, they will end up praising God for your good works when Christ returns.*

LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

For the Sake of the Lost

A. Remember, you are dearly _____ by Holy God.

1 Peter 2:11, KJV 1900 -¹¹ *Dearly beloved...*

B. Remember, you are soldiers in a spiritual _____.

1 Peter 2:11, NLT -¹¹ *Dear friends, I warn you as "temporary residents and foreigners" to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls.*

C. Remember, you are witnesses to the _____.

1 Peter 2:12, NCV -¹² *People who do not believe are living all around you and might say that you are doing wrong. Live such good lives that they will see the good things you do and will give glory to God on the day when Christ comes again.*

**Here's The
POINT**

As God's royal priesthood, we must live exemplary lives for God's Glory and for every lost man's benefit.

ANSWERS TO THE MESSAGE

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- A. Loved
- B. Battle
- C. Lost