

(1) We abstain from the passions of the flesh (v11)

(2) We live honorable lives (v12)

(3) We submit to our government leaders & honor all (v13-17)

- 1) Where do you struggle more in your life: declaring or displaying God's excellencies? Why?
- 2) Read 1 Pet. 2:1; Gal. 5:19-21, Eph. 5:3; Col. 3:5; 1 Cor. 3:3. What are some examples Peter might have in mind when he says "passions of the flesh."
- 3) How does our identity as "beloved, sojourners, and exiles" help us battle with these passions?
- 4) What reason does Peter give for living honorable lives among the Gentiles (unbelievers)?
- 5) Have you ever given up a "passion of the flesh" because it could send the wrong message to an unbelieving friend or family member? What was the result? If not, do you need to?
- 6) Why do you think the idea of being subject or submitting causes so much controversy inside and outside the church today?
- 7) How should living as servants of God affect the way we live out the commands of v17?