

1 Peter 2:11 Beloved, I urge you as **sojourners and exiles** to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

1 Peter 4:2 so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer **for human passions** but **for the will of God**.

I. Citizens of the world

A. Purpose

1 Peter 4:1-2 Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, ² so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer **for human passions** but for the will of God.

“The human heart is an idol factory that takes good things like a successful career, love, material possessions, even family, and turns them into ultimate things. Our hearts deify them as the center of our lives. because we think they can give us significance, security, and fulfillment.”

-Tim Keller

B. Lifestyle

1 Peter 4:3 For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in **sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry**.

C. Attitude

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E. Destination

1 Peter 4:5-6 but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶ For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

II. Citizens of Heaven

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B. Lifestyle

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C. Attitude

1 Peter 4:8-9 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

D. Treatment of others

1 Peter 4:10-11 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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Conclusion

Discussion questions

- *What are some goals that you have for your life? What would make you happy?
- *Is there someone you have a hard time loving? How can you show the love of Christ?
- *What are areas that God has gifted you and how can you serve others through that?