



I Peter 2:11-18 The Lifestyle of Sanctification, part 1

“Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims”

Peter gives three qualities that should define the life of the growing Christian. Consider Peter’s approach as he urges believers to grow:

- 1. He assures the people of God’s love for them.** *Dearly beloved*
 - God’s love is at the core of all of His interactions with man.
 - The average person is not conscious of God’s love.
 - We should strive constantly to make people conscious of God’s love.
- 2. He encourages the people as their personal advocate.** *I beseech you*
 - “Beseech” is the verb form of the word “paraklete” translated “Comforter” in John 14:16, and “Advocate” in I John 2:1.
 - It means to encourage someone you care about to make the decision that is in their best interests.
- 3. He reminds the people of their eternal identity.** *as strangers and pilgrims*
 - a.** Strangers (foreigner): you are a citizen of heaven.
 - b.** Pilgrims (traveler): you are on a spiritual journey.

→ How we, as representatives of Christ, approach people about their relationship with Christ, will determine their perception of Christ and their response to Christ.

→ People make better decisions when they understand where they stand with God, where they stand with people, and what their purpose in life is.

True faith is of a working, stirring nature, without good works it is dead or dying.

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