



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

*“Abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul”*

Peter pleads with believers to live the lifestyle of sanctification. Last week we considered the nature of Peter’s plea; tonight let’s look at the substance of Peter’s plea. In verses 11-18 Peter urges believers to practice three important principles:

- I. He urges holy distance, for the protection of their souls. 11.
- II. He urges honest interaction, for the glory of their God. 12.
- III. He urges humble submission, for the silencing of the ignorant. 13-18.

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**A. “Fleshly lusts” refers to a flesh-driven lifestyle. *fleshly lusts* (σαρκικός)**

1. The weakness of the flesh. Romans 7:14
2. The ways of the flesh. I Corinthians 3:1-4
3. The wisdom of the flesh. 2 Corinthians 1:12
4. The weapons of the flesh. 2 Corinthians 10:4

**B. Every believer is constantly engaged in spiritual warfare.**

*which war* 2 Corinthians 10:4, I Timothy 1:18

**C. The flesh-driven lifestyle is the enemy of your soul.**

*against the soul* Galatians 5:17

**D. We are to stay far away from the flesh-driven lifestyle. *abstain from***

1. From the opportunity to indulge the flesh.
2. From the people promoting the flesh-driven life.
3. From the philosophies of the flesh-driven life.

*Whoever denies the freedom of the human will,  
denies and rejects more than half of the Holy Scriptures.*

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