



EXILES
Shining as Exiles:
Living a Life that Points to Christ
1 Peter 2:11-12
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Questions for Discussion and Application

Quick Review

1. Was there anything in the passage that challenged or encouraged you?

2. How did this passage of Scripture help you see Christ better?

1. Wage War Against Sin (2:11)

2. Let Your Light Shine (2:12)

3. Your Conduct Is a Testimony (2:12)

Digging Deeper

1. How does the metaphor of a “war within” help us understand the struggle against the desires of the flesh?

2. Compare Galatians 5:16-21 and 1 Peter 2:11-12. What similarities do you see in how Paul and Peter address the battle against sinful desires?

3. In what ways does our culture promote the idea that “you are what you desire”? How does this conflict with a biblical understanding of identity?
4. How do “beholding Christ” and “feeding new desires” help loosen the grip of sinful passions? What passages from the sermon support this idea?
5. Why does Peter emphasize the visible nature of good works? How does this align with Jesus’ teaching in Matthew 5:16?

Taking It Home

1. What “passions of the flesh” are you currently struggling to abstain from? How can you starve those desires this week?
2. In what practical ways can you “let your light shine” at work, school, or home?
3. Think of someone in your life who might be observing your actions as a testimony to the gospel. How can you intentionally live in a way that points them to Christ?
4. What are some practical steps you can take this week to “behold Christ” more clearly and deeply, so that your desires align more with His?