

The Book of 1 Peter

Doing God's Will in a Hostile World

1 Peter 4:1-6.

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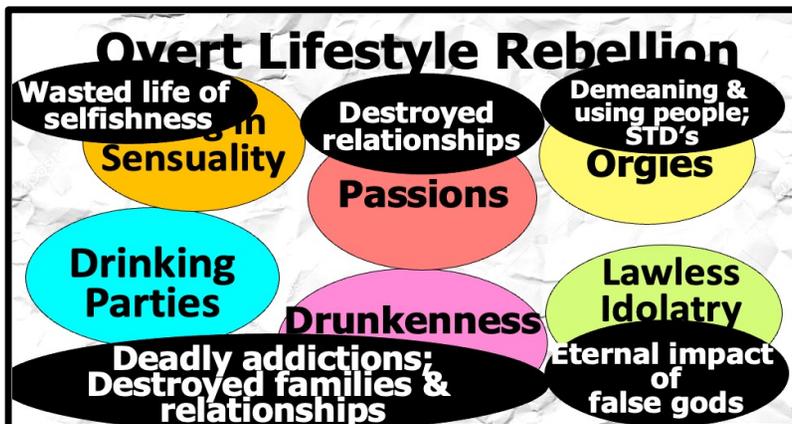
Bottom Line:

We are to be like Christ not only in how we go through suffering, but also to be like Christ in how we respond to suffering, knowing that God's plan is best and His ultimate justice is perfect!

1. When you think like Jesus, you will raise your "standard of living"! 1 Peter 4:1-2

*2. When we identify destructive sin for what it is, you won't be thanked, you will be attacked!
1 Peter 4:3-4; John 15:18-19*

1 Peter 4:3 – *Identifies overt lifestyle rebellion choices:*



How to respond to a world that maligns you:

1. Respond with Christlike love and forgiveness instead of retaliation.
Matt. 5:44; Rom. 12:20-21

2. Maintain a godly lifestyle that silences false accusations. 1 Peter 2:12; Titus 2:7-8

3. Rejoice that Suffering Identifies You with Christ. Matt. 5:11; Acts 5:41

4. Trust God to enact justice much more effectively than we can. 1 Peter 2:23; Romans 12:19

5. Continue to proclaim Christ with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15-16; Col. 4:5-6

6. Remember to always live with an eternal perspective. 1 Peter 4:5; 2 Cor. 4:17-18

3. When we live with eternal values we will reap an eternal reward! 1 Peter 4:5-6

Conclusion: