

Make Them Look Up!

1 Peter 2:11-12

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Genesis 23:4

And Abraham rose up from before his dead and said to the Hittites, “I am a **sojourner and foreigner** among you; give me property among you for a burying place, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.”

Psalm 39:12-13

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears! For I am a **sojourner** with you, a guest, like all my fathers. Look away from me, that I may smile again, **before I depart and am no more!**"

abstain from the **passions** of the
flesh,

Galatians 5:19-20

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these.

1 John 2:16

For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

I have more trouble with D.L. Moody
than any man I know.

D. L. Moody



James 1:14-15

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Such a command implies that inward desires are not uncontrollable but can be consciously nurtured or restrained - a needed rebuke to our modern society which takes feelings as a morally neutral 'given' and disparages any who would say that some feelings and desires are wrong.

– Wayne Grudem



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1 Corinthians 9:7

Who **serves as a soldier** at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock without getting some of the milk?

2 Timothy 2:4

No **soldier** gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.

Christianity is not a settle-in-and-live-at-peace-with-this-world-the-way-it-is kind of religion. Christianity is war. It is a declaration of all-out combat against our own sinful impulses. To become a Christian is to wake up to the reality that our soul—the eternal joy of our soul—is at stake. Therefore, Christianity is mortal combat for true and lasting joy.

– John Piper



Keep your **conduct (kalos)** among
the Gentiles **honorable**

Matthew 26:6-10

Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor." But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a **kalos** thing to me.

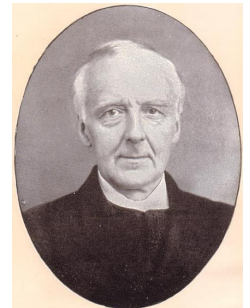
and having a reputation for **good** works: if she has brought up children, has shown hospitality, has washed the feet of the saints, has cared for the afflicted, and has devoted herself to every **good** work

Good- "*Kalos*" Outwardly beautiful or attractive

Good "*Agathos*" Inwardly beautiful or intrinsically pure

The supreme test of goodness is not in the greater but in the smaller incidents of our character and practice; not what we are when standing in the searchlight of public scrutiny, but when we reach the firelight flicker of our homes; not what we are when some clarion-call rings through the air, summoning us to fight for life and liberty, but our attitude when we are called to sentry-duty in the gray morning, when the watch-fire is burning low.

- F. B. Meyer



Keep your conduct among the **Gentiles** honorable, so that when **they speak against** you as evildoers, **they may see** your good deeds and **glorify God** on the day of visitation.

Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that **they may see** your good works and **give glory** to your Father who is in heaven.

Titus 2:7-8

Show yourself in all respects to be a **model of good works**, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an **opponent may be put to shame**, having nothing evil to say about us.

Colossians 4:5-6

Walk in wisdom **toward outsiders**, making the best use of the time. Let your **speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt**, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

When a Christian walks irreprovably,
or free from need to be reprov'd, his
enemies have no where to fasten their
teeth on him, but are forced to gnaw
on their own malignant tongues.

– Robert Leighton



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Luke 19:41-44

And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace...For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side and tear you down to the ground... And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your **visitation.**"

John 13:35

By this **all people will know that you are my disciples**, if you have love for one another.

The world takes its notions of God most of all from the people who say that they belong to God's family. They read us a great deal more than they read the Bible. In fact, they see us, they only hear about Jesus Christ.

– Alexander Maclaren

