

Sample Passage: 1 Peter 2:11-12

“¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.”

1. What is this passage mainly about?

- Believers are called to live their true status of being children of God in front of an unbelieving world so that God would be glorified.

2. Are there key words? If so, what do they mean? (Look for repeated words and phrases as well).

- Foreigner – one who lives in a place without citizenship. Christians are citizens of heaven. Hence foreigners on earth – just passing through!
- Exiles – one who comes from a foreign country to settle in another place. Christians are citizens of heaven. They are foreigners on earth. They have moved from kingdom of darkness to kingdom of light.
- Visits – Refers to the time in future when God comes to bless or judge people.

3. Are there commands to obey? (Include sins to forsake as well)

- Stay away from sins that wage war against the soul [v. 11]
- Live good lives that are full of good deeds [v. 12]

4. Are there promises to claim?

- God will come in the future [day he visits us]. At that time, believers who have lived good lives will bring glory to God.

5. Is there anything I don't understand?

- What do the words, “they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us” mean? Does it mean if I live a good life, that unbelievers will glorify God by having come to faith or will they glorify God as he executes wrath on them when he comes in judgment? Need to study further.

6. What change(s) do I need to make in my life as a result of studying this passage?

- Constantly guard my thought life. That is the source of sin. Satan, the flesh and the world wages war against my soul. Always think and pursue those things that glorify God. Meditate more on Scripture verses.
- Remember that I am a foreigner here. This is not my home. My life should exhibit this reality. I should live a life that shows Jesus can really change lives and be a faithful witness to the people around me.