

***Living for Christ
in a Hostile World***

Studies in 1 Peter

A New Goal for Life

1 Peter 1.13-17

What's your goal in life?

- ***Our salvation has ethical implications v13***
“... therefore ...” - a vital link word
- ***Bear the family likeness v14-16***
“Be holy in all you do, as I am holy”
- children, obedient by (second) nature
- a Father, who is utterly holy
- ***Purity before busyness***
our character (holiness) is God's priority
holiness calls for effort Heb 12.14

1. Cultivate new desires, v14

- *our old desires were evil*
because our old nature was self-centred
instead of Christ-centred
and we 'went with the flow' Eph 2.1-2
- *now, our goal is to please Jesus*
2 Cor 5.9; Eph 5.10

2. Engage your brain! v13

➤ *Holiness requires effort, careful thought*

Heb 12.14

our mind needs to be re-programmed

Rom 12.2

God thinks differently from us Is 55.7-9

He wants us to discern what's best

Phil 1.9-10

Learn to think differently Eph 4.17-21

3. Get a grip of yourself! v13

➤ ***Be self-controlled***

part of the Spirit's fruit Gal 5.23; 2 Tim 1.7

vital for resisting Satan 5.8

essential for disciplined prayer 4.7

keep a tight rein on your tongue Jas 1.26

master your body for Christ Rom 6.12-19

4. Set your sights on Christ's return v13

- *our greatest hope in life Titus 2.11-15*
a great incentive for holiness
1 John 3.2-3; 2.28

5. Live with a sense of accountability, v17

- *God looks for what's good*
not fear of punishment 1 John 4.18
but fear of offending someone we love
- *what's worthwhile will be rewarded*
2 Cor 5.10; 1 Cor 3.10-15;
Col 3.23-24; Mat 25.13-30
- *Live in the light of eternity*
Psalm 90.12; 2 Cor 7.1