

“Living a ‘Not of This World’ Life” 6/23/13

1 Peter 2:11-12

Sermon Series- *“Living for the Glory of God in a Hostile World”*

Big Idea- Because God has called and is forming us into a new nation, we are to live a life avoiding carnal pleasures as we bring glory to God through good works in the world.

LESSON 1- Living for God’s Glory requires us to make choices INWARDLY

A. To be successful we must be plagued with HOMESICKNESS

(1) As aliens we need to recognize our origin of BIRTH

(John 3:3, 5; 8:23; 17:14, 16, 18; 1 Peter 1:3, 23- God has no grandchildren)

(2) Our loyalties and standards are heavenly (Phil 3:20; John 18:36)

(3) We have no permanent ROOTS (Heb 11:9; Matt 6:20; James 4:2-3)

(4) Our focus should be on returning HOME (Heb 11:10; Col 3:2)

(5) We should feel uncomfortable in this world (Ja 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17)

(6) We are AMBASSADORS for another Kingdom (2 Cor 5:20)

B. To be successful we must abstain from fleshly impulses or LUSTS

(Gal 5:16-23; 1 Cor 6:9-11; Eph 5:1-5; Rom 8:3-13; 13:14; immediate)

C. To be successful we must FIGHT these lusts! (1 Cor 9:27; 2 Cor 10:4-5)

Going Deeper *God wants you to examine your life and whether it is Kingdom focused!*
(Matthew 6:33)

LESSON 2- Living for God’s Glory should change our behavior OUTWARDLY

A. To be successful we must have EXCELLENT BEHAVIOR

(Romans 2:24; Titus 1:16; John 17:18; 2 Cor 3; **1 Cor 9:19-23**)

B. To successful we must keep the realization of God’s VISITATION

(Neg- Isaiah 10:3; Luke 19:44; Pos- Luke 1:68; 7:16; 2 Cor 2:16)

Going Deeper *God wants you to live a life that doesn’t embarrass Him as His Child!*

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples