

September 6, 2015
I Peter 2:11-12

YOUR INTEGRITY AND YOUR INFLUENCE

I. INTRODUCTION

Definition of Integrity: The state of being complete, unified, a situation **where words are matched by deeds.**

II. STAY AWAY FROM TEMPTATION, AVOID IT.

Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to **abstain from sinful desires**, which 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.

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III. HOW DO I AVOID TEMPTATION AND LIVE A LIFE OF INTEGRITY?

A. BE_____

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. I Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)

B. BE _____

When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; James 1:13 (NIV)

C. BE _____

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.
1 Peter 5:8 (NIV)

On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." Luke 22:40 (NIV)

D. BE _____

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.
2 Corinthians. 10:5 (NIV)

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.
Philippians 4:8 (NIV)

E. BE _____

"It is written" Matthew 4:4

"It is written" Matthew 4:7

"It is written" Matthew 4:10

F. BE _____

“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.” Matthew 6:13 (NIV)

POINTS TO PONDER
For Week of September 6th to 13th

Open It

- 1) What is your ethnic heritage and how has it influenced you?

Explore It

- 2) From what did Peter urge his readers to abstain? Why?
([2:11](#))
- 3) Why is it important for believers to live good lives?
([2:12](#))

Get It

- 4) How is Christ precious to you? Why?
- 5) How could being disobedient to God cause someone else to stumble?
- 6) In what way were you in darkness before you became a believer?

- 7) When have you felt that you were at war with sinful desires?
- 8) Why is it so hard to abstain from sinful desires?
- 9) Why do we need encouragement to live good lives among non-Christians?
- 10) What good deeds in your life do non-Christians see?
- 11) How can we do good deeds so they are both a witness and a discrete act of service (that is, not merely for show)?
- 12) What does it mean to live a good life?
- 13) *To what people can your good deeds be a witness?

Apply It

- 14) From what specific sinful desires will you ask God to help you abstain this week?
- 15) What good deeds can you use as a witness to your neighbors?
- 16) *How do you need to change your plans for the near future so that you will be an example to the unbelievers with whom you have regular contact?