

Central Truth: We Must Commit to **Loving Works**!!

Ephesians 2:10

Matthew 5:16

1) We Are **Different**: 1 Pt. 2:4-5, 9-10, 11

Not of This **World**: 1 Peter 2:11, John 17:14-16

In a **Battle**: 1 Peter 2:11

How do Desires Wage War on Our Souls?

1 Peter 1:14 – Ransomed from passions of former ignorance.

Eph. 4:22 – Deceitful desires of the “old man.”

Mark 4:19 – Desires that choke out the truth.

1 Tim. 6:9-10 – Desires for riches as snare that results in sorrow and loss.

Blinds to the Light of the Truth – 1 Peter 2:9

*What do we Desire? Do we desire to serve others in love?*

2) Our Conduct **Matters**: 1 Pt. 2:11-12

We Must **Abstain** from Fleshly Desires – 1 Pt. 2:11, Gal. 5:19-21

Literally – Distance ourselves from these desires.

We Must **Guard** our Righteous Conduct – 1 Pt. 2:12

Literally – Making our own conduct that is defined by goodness, righteousness, and beauty.

**Slander** will be turned to **Glory** - 1 Pt. 2:12, 1 Tim. 4:12,

Mtt. 27:44, Lk. 33:39-40.

What is the Day of Visitation?

NT Visitation by God Tied to Salvation: Luke 1:68, Luke 19:44.

Giving Glory to God tied to Salvation: Acts 13:48, Romans 1:21

Questions:

Am I Different?

What Desires am I Submitting to?

Am I Committed to Loving Works?