

**HOW CAN WE MAINTAIN A TRULY REDEMPTIVE WITNESS
IN THE MIDST OF A HOSTILE UNBELIEVING WORLD?
1 Peter 2:11-12**

I. STAY AWAY FROM FLESHLY LUSTS, which do not fit your new identity in Christ and war with your redeemed souls (11)

A. WHAT ARE WE TO DO? Continually stay away from fleshly lusts (11a)

B. HOW DO WE STAY AWAY FROM FLESHLY LUSTS? (11)

1. **Understand the basis for the exhortation: Our identity as sojourners (11a)**

2. **Fear God, allow His Word to direct, trust Jesus and stay away (obey) (11a, misc. passages)**

3. **Understand the consequences of not staying away from fleshly lusts (11b,12)**
 - a) **An internal war against our souls (11b)**

 - b) **A flawed witness the world (12)**

II. REALIZE THE LORD USES OUR GOOD BEHAVIOR IN CHRIST TO WORK IN HOSTILE UNBELIEVERS HEARTS so as to lead them to salvation in Christ (12)

A. As we abstain, we are to keep our behavior excellent among non-believers (12a)

B. Why? So that God can use our good deed in Christ to lead people to salvation in Christ for His glory (12b)