

"We Gotta Do Something ... but what?"

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1. Worship (The foundation for transformative lives)

1 Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen

² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, that you may obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in fullest measure.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

⁴ to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

⁵ who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,

⁷ that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

⁸ and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

⁹ obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

¹⁰ As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful search and inquiry, *vss 10-12 emphasize how blessed we are*

¹¹ seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.

¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven-- things into which angels long to look.

2. Represent heaven "holy" = set apart to live for God's kingdom

¹³ Therefore, gird your minds for action, keep sober *in spirit*, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance,

¹⁵ but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;

¹⁶ because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

¹⁷ And if you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each man's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay upon earth;

¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,

¹⁹ but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

²⁰ For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you

²¹ who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

3. L _____ one another *For the transformative impact on society see John 17:18-23.*

²² Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,

²³ for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding word of God.

²⁴ For, "All flesh is like grass, And all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, And the flower falls off,

²⁵ But the word of the Lord abides forever." And this is the word which was preached to you.

4. D _____ one another → *Transformative leaders*

2:1 Therefore, putting aside all malice and all guile and hypocrisy and envy and all slander,

² like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

³ if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

⁴ And coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected by men, but choice and precious in the sight of God,

⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶ For this is contained in Scripture: "Behold I lay in Zion a choice stone, a precious corner stone, And he who believes in Him shall not be disappointed."

⁷ This precious value, then, is for you who believe. But for those who disbelieve, "The stone which the builders rejected, This became the very corner stone,"

⁸ and, "A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense"; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this *doom* they were also appointed.

use every means possible

5. W _____ to the gospel and moral truth

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

¹⁰ for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul.

¹² Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may on account of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God in the day of visitation.

6. O _____ and honor

¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority,

¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. *Exception: Acts 4:19-20*

¹⁵ For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.

¹⁶ Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but *use it* as bondslaves of God.

¹⁷ Honor all men; love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king. *No exceptions*

¹⁸ Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.

¹⁹ For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a man bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.

²⁰ For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds* favor with God.

7. T _____ Christ as Lord and pray

²¹ For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps. *Our example of #1-6*

²² who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth;

²³ and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;

²⁴ and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

Pray - see 4:7.

²⁵ For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

3:1 In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of *them* are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,

² as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.

³ And let not your adornment be *merely* external-- braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses;

⁴ but *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.

⁵ For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands.

⁶ Thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.

⁷ You husbands likewise, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

⁸ To sum up, let all be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit;

⁹ not returning evil for evil, or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.

¹⁰ For, "Let him who means to love life and see good days Refrain his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking guile (*deceit-like forwarding unverified media*.)"

¹¹ "And let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it."

¹² "For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, And His ears attend to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

¹³ And who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good?

¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled.

→ ¹⁵ but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; - *Reject the example of most pundits*

¹⁶ and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

¹⁷ For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.

¹⁸ For Christ also died for sins once for all, *the* just for *the* unjust, in order that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;