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I Peter 1:13-16
"The Pursuit Of Holiness"

PRINCIPLES AND APPLICATION

1. **Prepare your minds** for action. Obedience is a conscious act of the will. Believers in conflict of some kind need a tough-minded holiness about them that is ready to spring into action. Example, a young man or woman either one needs not to be figuring out their standards of purity and morality and honor in the back seat of a vehicle. They need to have determined not to get in such a predicament anyway!
2. **Be self-controlled**, be free from every form of mental and spiritual "drunkenness" or "excess." Rather than being controlled by outside circumstances, believers should be directed from within.
3. **Set your hope fully**, what does this mean? Glad you asked. Holy living demands determination. Have your hope set perfectly, completely-unchangeably-with no reverse on grace to be bestowed/given/shown-when Jesus Christ is revealed. This makes four times that Peter has spoken of the Savior's return and the ultimate stage of salvation that will be completed on that day.
4. **Christians**, do not conform to the pressures of the world! Forget the former ways of your past sin laden life. You lived that way back in the day when you were ignorant of God. Rather-be obedient kids. In ignorance of God we wallowed in our evil desires. As obedient children of God, be holy in all that you do. Let your current lifestyle reflect a holy nature about you. This is not speaking of legal requirements but of Christian responsibility. One author put it like this; this responsibility originates in the inner life and is made manifest in one's outer walk. No one can ever achieve absolute holiness but in all areas of one's life they should be in a process of becoming completely conformed to God's perfect and holy will. This is no new idea, Leviticus 19:2, "Speak to the entire Israelite community and tell them: 'Be holy because I the Lord your God, am holy.'"

When people are lulled into a state of spiritual drowsiness, they lose sight of Jesus' future revelation of Himself. Then they obsessively concentrate on fulfilling their earthly desires. God who? They might ask.

Application: "The simplest understanding of holiness is that of loving conformity to God's commands and to his Son (cf. I John2:4-6)." *Edwin A. Blum* Do not let the world around you squeeze you into its mold, instead, let God remold your minds from within. Control your desires rather than being controlled by them. Live a holy life by His grace.