

“Standing Strong Against Cultural Tides”

Standing Strong—Part 2
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MINDFUL TRUTHS FOR MINDLESS TIMES

I Peter 1:13-25

1. Maintain an appropriate _____ .

I Peter 1:13 (ESV) —“Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

The “HOPE” Peter mentions here is not the aspiration of a destiny which is _____; rather it’s an assurance in a destination which is _____.”

2. Maintain appropriate _____ .

I Peter 1:14-17 (ESV) —“As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’ ¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile. . . .”

Sin is the world’s rebellion against God; Holiness is the Christian’s rebellion against the world!

Romans 12:1 – “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

3. Maintain an appropriate _____ .

I Peter 1:18-21 (ESV) —“ . . . Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the 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.”

“Do what God’s teaching says; when you only listen and do nothing, you are fooling yourselves.” - James 1:22 (NCV)