

How To Live In The Last Days

1 Peter 1:13 - 2:12

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1 Peter 1:14-16

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."

Leviticus 11:44

For I am the L-rd your G-d. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. And you shall not make yourselves unclean with any of the swarming things that swarm on the earth.

Leviticus 19:2

Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, "You shall be holy, for I the L-rd your G-d am holy."

2 Corinthians 6:17 - 7:1

¹⁷ "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the L-rd. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you. ¹⁸ "And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me," Says the L-rd Almighty. ^{7:1} Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of G-d.

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1. Need of CHASTENING.

Hebrews 12:6-17

⁶ "FOR THOSE WHOM THE L-RD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES." ⁷ It is for discipline that you endure; G-d deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

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⁹ Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.

Hebrews 12:6-17

¹¹ All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness. ¹² Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

Hebrews 12:6-17

¹⁴ Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the L-rd. ¹⁵ See to it that no one comes short of the grace of G-d; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled; ¹⁶ that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal.

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¹⁷ For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

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Hebrews 13:5

Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU."

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3. Need of CONTROL

1 Thessalonians 4:1-3, 7-8

¹ Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the L-rd Yeshua, that as you received from us instruction as to how you ought to walk and please G-d (just as you actually do walk), that you excel still more. ² For you know what commandments we gave you by the authority of the L-rd Yeshua.

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³ For this is the will of G-d, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality. ⁷ For G-d has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. ⁸ So, he who rejects this is not rejecting man but the G-d who gives His Holy Spirit to you.

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3. Need of CONTROL
4. Need of CHANGE

Ephesians 4:17-24

¹⁷ So this I say, and affirm together with the L-rd, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, ¹⁸ being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of G-d because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart;

Ephesians 4:17-24

¹⁹ and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness. ²⁰ But you did not learn Messiah in this way, ²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Yeshua,

Ephesians 4:17-24

²² that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, ²³ and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and put on the new self, which in the likeness of G-d has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

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1 Peter 1:22

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.

Leviticus 19:11-18

¹¹ 'You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another. ¹² 'You shall not swear falsely by My name, so as to profane the name of your G-d; I am the L-rd. ¹³ 'You shall not oppress your neighbor, nor rob him The wages of a hired man are not to remain with you all night until morning.

Leviticus 19:11-18

¹⁴ 'You shall not curse a deaf man, nor place a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall revere your G-d; I am the L-rd. ¹⁵ 'You shall do no injustice in judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor nor defer to the great, but you are to judge your neighbor fairly. ¹⁶ 'You shall not go about as a slanderer among your people, and you are not to act against the life of your neighbor; I am the L-rd.

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¹⁷ 'You shall not hate your fellow countryman in your heart; you may surely reprove your neighbor, but shall not incur sin because of him. ¹⁸ 'You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the L-rd.

John 13:34-35

³⁴ "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 15:12

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Romans 13:8

Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.

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1 Peter 2:1

Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.

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¹ Peter 2:2-3

²like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, ³if you have tasted the kindness of the L-rd.

Psalms 34:8-10

⁸ O taste and see that the L-RD is good; how blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!
⁹ O fear the L-RD, you His saints; for to those who fear Him there is no want. ¹⁰ The young lions do lack and suffer hunger; but they who seek the L-RD shall not be in want of any good thing.

III. AS LIVING STONES

1 Peter 2:4-8

⁴ And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of G-d, 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 G-d through Yeshua HaMashiach.

1 Peter 2:4-8

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 WILL 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,"

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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.

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A. The PURPOSE of your life

Romans 12:1-2

¹ Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of G-d, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to G-d, which is your spiritual service of worship. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of G-d is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Hebrews 13:15-16

¹⁵ Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to G-d, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. ¹⁶ And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices G-d is pleased.

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1 Peter 2:9

But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR G-D'S OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

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1 Peter 2:10

for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF G-D; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

Lamentations 3:22-24

²² The L-rd's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. ²⁴ "The L-rd is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I have hope in Him."

V. AS STRANGERS AND ALIENS

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A. The WORLD is not your home

1 John 2:15-17

¹⁵ Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. ¹⁷ The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of G-d lives forever.

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1 Peter 2:11

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

Jacob (James) 1:13-15

¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by G-d"; for G-d cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. ¹⁵ Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

Jacob (James) 4:1

What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?

V. AS STRANGERS AND ALIENS

A. The WORLD is not your home

B. The WAR is within you

C. Your WORKS can cause others to glorify G-d

1 Peter 2:12

Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify G-d in the day of visitation.

Matthew 5:16

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

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1 Corinthians 10:31

Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of G-d.

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