

“What Manner of Persons Ought Ye To Be?”

Introduction: Based on the fact that the whole world is heading towards destruction, how should we as believers be living our lives with the time we have left?

- I. Be _____ (2 Pe. 3:11-14)
 - A. It is sobering to think that all the material things we see and have will someday be _____.
 - B. This is why we are warned about where we set our _____ (Col. 3:2).
 - C. It should not depress us, but cause us to live _____ lives.
 - D. The whole _____ of a believer should be characterized by godliness, not worldliness (Titus 2:12-14; 1 Jn. 2:15-17).
 - E. We are looking towards the eternal _____ of God where we will dwell forever.
 - F. In contrast to this wicked world, heaven will be a place of _____.
 - G. Knowing these doctrines should act as great _____.
 - H. Living for the Lord requires _____; it is not the result of laziness.
 - I. _____ and spotless lives is what God expects of us (1 Tim. 6:14; Jas. 1:27).
- II. Be _____ (2 Pe. 3:15-16)
 - A. Again Peter reminds us that God's delay is on purpose to give more time for us to _____ to the lost.
 - B. We need to be going to the lost with the _____; they are not just going to come to us.
 - C. Peter refers to Paul's writings as _____.
 - D. Cults thrive on using _____ passages to support their ideas.
 - E. Always use the _____ passages to interpret the difficult ones.
 - F. This is why we are commanded to _____ the Word so as to know the one and correct interpretation (2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Pe. 1:20).
- III. Be _____ (2 Pe. 3:17-18)
 - A. It is possible for Christians to be led away into _____.
 - B. We must be constantly growing _____ to the Lord (Ps. 1).
 - C. The moment we _____ growing we begin to regress.
 - D. We will never reach a point where we have _____ at a spiritual pinnacle (Phil. 3:12-14).
 - E. There is only _____ way to grow spiritually—feeding on the Word of God (1 Pe. 2:2; 1 Cor. 3:1-2).
 - F. We need to have a healthy fear of _____ (1 Cor. 10:12).
 - G. Ultimately all the _____ goes to Christ for who and what we are!

Conclusion: Knowing all the wonderful truths of 2 Peter will mean nothing if it does not change the way we live our lives. May it impact us to make us godly, going, and growing servants of the Lord.