

1 PETER 2:11-17 “HONORABLE CONDUCT – THE WORLD IS WATCHING”

- Peter demands honorable conduct from believers.
- Peter knew all too well how deeply wrong words can scar a soul.
- Peter once begged to be disassociated with Jesus and His conduct.
- Now he begs all to be just like Jesus!
 - Was Peter disqualified because of past sins?
 - Not at all! – He knew he was forgiven and justified completely.
 - Always time to repent and be a good example!

11 Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,

12 having your **conduct** (*conversation, KJV*) honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

- **ἀναστροφή** [*anastrophe* /an·as·trof·ay/] n f. From 390; TDNT 7:715; TDNTA 1093; GK 419; 13 occurrences; AV translates as “**conversation**” 13 times.
1 manner of life, conduct, behavior, deportment. ¹

- Peter uses the word “*anastrophe*”: “**conversation**” more than any other N.T. author.
- Was he more concerned because of his own previous lack?

1 Peter 1:15 (KJV) But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of **conversation**;

1 Peter 1:18 (KJV) Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your **vain conversation** received by tradition from your fathers;

1 Peter 3:1-2 (KJV) Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, **they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives**; **2** While they behold **your chaste conversation** coupled with fear.

n n: noun or neuter

f f: feminine

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¹ Strong, J. (1996). *The exhaustive concordance of the Bible : Showing every word of the test of the common English version of the canonical books, and every occurrence of each word in regular order.* (electronic ed.) (G391). Ontario: Woodside Bible Fellowship.

1 Peter 3:16 (KJV) Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that **falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.**

2 Peter 2:7-8 (KJV)

7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with **the filthy conversation of the wicked:**
8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

2 Peter 3:11-12 (KJV)

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,**

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

James 3:13 (KJV) Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? **let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.**

- What is your “conversation” out among those in the world like?
- Will they remember your good example on the day of their visitation?
- Will they remember your godly life once we are all gone through the rapture?
- Is there enough evidence today to convict you of being a Christian in our public courts?
 - Beyond a reasonable doubt?
- Remember God’s incorruptible Word.
- Speak the Word – and let God take it from there.

13 Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme,

14 or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and *for the* praise of those who do good.

15 **For this is the will of God**, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—

16 as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.

17 Honor all *people*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

- Godly, honorable conduct and conversation will keep you in good standing with the authorities.
- Submit yourselves to:
 - The King as supreme
 - The Governor

- All those whom he sends to punish evildoers.
- This is the will of GOD
- Four (4) last commands:
 - Honor all
 - Love the brotherhood
 - Fear God
 - Honor the King