

MAY 21, 2023

LIVING STONES

WE ARE A PECULIAR PEOPLE 1 PETER 4:1-6

The plain things are the main things ...

1) We should struggle against sin.

Matthew 5:29–30 ... *"If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell."*

2) We will be slandered for our morality.

John 15:20 ... *"Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours."*

3) We look to God for our approval.

2 Corinthians 10:18 ... *"For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends."*

Prayer

Father, Give me a deeper repentance, a horror of sin, a dread of its approach; Help me to flee it, and resolve that my heart will be yours alone. Give me deeper trust, to lose myself and find myself in You. Give me deeper knowledge of yourself as Savior, Master, Lord, and King. Give me deeper power in private prayer, more sweetness in your word, more steadfast grip on its truth. Give me deeper holiness in speech, thought, action, and let me not seek moral virtue apart from You. I have no Master but you, no law but your will, no delight but yourself, no wealth but what you give, no good, but what you bless, no peace, but what you bestow. Plough deep, Lord, and fill me to overflowing with living water.

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Memory Verse for April-May

"So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

Acts 4:18-20

From the Resources

When we live according to God's character, "Many will give you the cold shoulder. Others will strike out with slander ... others may even try to harm you physically. But a few people will see the noble character reflected in your changed life and inquire about your King."

- Charles Swindoll

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