

1 Peter 1:14-16 Before and After

5/24/09 - The Exchange

- I. Review
 - A. Context - persecution, stress, pressure, trials
 - B. Roll up the sleeves of your mind, clear out and prevent distractions like these, and focus. Get your hope off of whatever you have put it on, and put it on God's grace through Jesus but now and for the future.
 - C. Progression - from thinking to doing. Doing flows from thinking.
- II. 1:14-16 Be Ready
 - A. 1:14 Don't do this
 - 1. obedient - submissive, surrendered, compliant. As opposed to
 - 2. children - offspring, born again. Of who? The Father. Three relationships summary.
 - 3. conforming - play dough in the mold, making a copy of
 - 4. yourselves - who is doing it?
 - 5. ignorance - when you didn't know any better
 - 6. When the pressure is on, don't slip into your old patterns when you didn't know any better. No longer ignorant.
 - a) What kinds of pressure? Persecution, money, marriage, job, peer pressure...
 - b) What kind of former lusts? 1 Cor 6:9-10, Gal 5:19-21
Drugs, booze, food, gambling, porn, sex, anger, retreating, cutting, spending...
 - 7. Fear drives us away from truth, and The Truth.
 - 8. All of this is the "before" in a before & after. Tarnex, laundry soap, weed killer, weight loss. What is the after, and what makes it possible?
 - B. 1:15-16
 - 1. called - by who? God. God is completely holy.
 - 2. be holy in all your conduct -
 - a) be is imperative, a command
 - b) context of conduct is this pressure they are under
 - c) Sounds huge! How can we do this? 1 Cor 6:11 Such were some of you, Gal 5:22-25
 - d) Holiness isn't just an outward morality thing, it's an inward reality thing as well.
 - (1) Does Jesus live outside of us and only change the outside, or does He live in us and change us from the inside out?
 - (2) Sad cultural mindset of God is over there, we are over here. Yet Jesus prayed (John 17:20-23) that we would be one with the Father as He and the Father are one.
 - 3. Fear of the world is unholy, needs to be repented of, and replaced with the truth and love of God. The After. Difference?
- III. Don't fall back into old habits like when you were ignorant. Instead be what Jesus has made it possible for you to be.