

Peter's Five Keys to Spiritual Living

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: I Peter 1:13-2:2.

B. One major command may involve minor commands.

C. There are only five major commands in this passage, but minor commands are important to fulfilling these major ones.

II. Hope perfectly for the return of Jesus.

A. One is to gird up the loins of his mind. This means focusing on Christ.

B. One must be sober. This refers to having a clear head. One must have a clear head for the return of Christ.

III. Be holy.

A. One must not fashion himself according to the time of ignorance. (II Corinthians 11, Mark 9:2-3, Romans 12:2)

B. One is to put off all manners of the old life.

IV. Live in fear. Recognizing the cross helps one to live in fear of God.

V. Love one another from a pure heart.

A. One must be purified to love through being born again.

B. One is to move from emotional love to the kind of love that seeks the well-being of someone else—a love that acts.

VI. Desire the Word of God.

A. Before one can desire the word of God, one must deal with sin.

B. One is to desire the Word of God like a baby desires milk.

C. One must desire the pure Word, not the adulterated or watered down Word of God. (Romans 12:1)

Application questions:

1. Which one of Peter's commands stood out to you the most? What struck you about it?

2. What are some ways that the Word of God is being watered down in the church today?

3. Why is it important to understand that there are different kinds of love that can be expressed in the Christian life?
