



The Alien Influence  
1 Peter 2:11-12

1 Peter 2:11-12 (NIV)

Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Alexander MacLaren

"The world takes its notions of God most of all from the people who say that they belong to God's family. They read us a great deal more than they read the Bible."

**I. Embrace Your Strange Identity**

Verse 11 - "...As aliens and strangers in the world."

Hebrews 13:14 (ESV)

"For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come."

## II. Endure Your Inward Battles

Verse 11 – “Dear friends, I urge you, ...to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.”

- Be honest about your struggles.
- Cry out to God for his mercy.
- Ask a friend to hold you accountable.
- Don't give up just because you struggle.
- Look for small victories each day.

## III. Excel in Living Godly Lives

Verse 12 – “Live good lives among the pagans.”

## IV. Expect Plenty of Unfair Criticism

Verse 12 – “...though they accuse you of doing wrong.”

Ruth Graham

“A saint is a person who makes it easy to believe in Jesus.”



