

## 1 Peter 2:11-12 “Abstain and Excel”

**Main point:** The Apostle Peter exhorts believers to live in light of who they are in Christ, and what He has called them to be and do as His Church, by conforming both their inner desires, and their outward behaviors to God’s standard of holiness.

**I.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Your** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Additional Notes:

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### Key Points of Consideration & Application:

**1.)** What are some principles and practices people employ for self-improvement, and how are they similar or different than what the Bible teaches?

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**2.)** In what ways do we typically learn what is good or bad for us, and how do we often apply that knowledge to our lives?

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**3.)** How does the end of a matter (whether it’s an activity, a phase of life, our life as a whole, or history itself) influence how we live, and how should it?

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**Key Passage to Memorize & Meditate Upon: James 4:1-4 (LSB)** What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?<sup>2</sup> You lust and do not have, so you murder. You are envious and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.<sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.<sup>4</sup> You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world sets himself as an enemy of God.

### Sermons to Listen to for Further Study:

John MacArthur: Godly Living

Austin Duncan: The War for  
Your Soul

