

Go Big and Go Home

1 Peter 1:13a



1 Peter: Holy Living in a Hostile Land

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What is **most worthy** of you building your life on?

What is the **bedrock** that you are sinking your heart and soul into?

What is it that gives meaning, clarity, and purpose to your life each day?

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For **Christians**, the answers form one **complete** whole for how we believe and live—Jesus Christ crucified and raised again for us.

The **God-given blessings** of this relationship **define** our lives.

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For **what purpose** do you obediently undergo the transformation of your mind or heart?

“...so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Live the truth!

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A godly mind is **prepped** for a **lifestyle** of responding to God's work in your life. Your responses are your heart attitudes **going public** through your actions, which reflect God's will and glorify God's name.

This all begins with your **heart worshiping God**.

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What you put into your mind/heart via your eyes and ears will determine what you fix your hope on and then live out in your behavior.

What are you consistently pumping into your mind?

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To keep sober means not “letting the mind wander into any other kind of mental intoxication or addiction which inhibits spiritual alertness, or any laziness of mind which lulls Christians into sin through carelessness (or ‘by default’).”

Wayne Grudem

A Pastor's Practical Counsel

Three "E's" of caution and evaluation
as you mature in your spiritual alertness:

1. Entertainments

Be careful about what amuses and distracts you. Don't allow yourself to be entertained by sin, evil, and vice. Don't learn to laugh at, laud, lessen, or like wrong in any form or for any reason.

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2. Enlightenments

Be careful what you allow to educate and instruct your mind and heart. It is a very seductive path to find yourself sharing in what the world calls insights or wisdom, which the Lord calls foolishness.

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3. Enticements

Be careful about what attracts, draws, holds, and occupies your mind and heart. Even good things we do, and value, are vulnerable to being tainted by our **deceitful lusts**.

“...fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

Preparing your minds for action and being sober-minded are all about the **foundation** for where you **fix your hope** in this life.

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