

Message Notes

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Bible Focus: 1 Peter 1:14-16

Current Series: Between 2 Worlds (A Study in 1 Peter)

Message Title: A Thing Of The Past

1 Peter 1:14-16 - *As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."*

1. Say _____ to _____

James 1:14-15 - *But each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.*

2. Say _____ to _____

2 Timothy 2:20-22 - *In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. ²¹ If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work. ²² Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1 Peter 1:14-16

1. How are you a better person today than you were ten years ago? What things are you glad you've put into the past?
2. We all have desires. How can you identify which desires are good and which ones are evil?
3. At what point do evil desires become sin?
4. Why is holiness such a big deal to God? How has your view of holiness impacted your lifestyle now or in the past?
5. How does knowing our God is holy make you feel? Comforted? Worried? Scared? Thankful?
6. For you to be living a holier life than you are right now, what would need to change?
7. Why is it so important for a believer to confront the ungodly, sinful parts of their life with the truths taught in I John 1:9 and 2 Timothy 2:22?
8. How do you hope to see this message help you in the coming week?