

CALL TO ACTION

Living Out God's Message

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Introduction:

Text: 1 Peter 1:13-16

¹³Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.¹⁴ As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

A. **Accept** God's message as our way of **thinking** = **Discernment** (v.13)

To accept God's message will help us...

- a. **Know** what is from Him and what's not from Him
- b. **Grow** in our faith in Him and to live our lives from a perspective of hope

B. **Apply** God's message as our way of **living** = **Discipline** (v.14)

To apply God's message will help us...

- a. **Live** lives that will be pleasing before God and people
- b. **Overcome** sin and the effects of sin

C. **Align** our lives to God's message to fulfill our **calling** = **Decisions** (15-16)

To align our lives to God's message will help us...

- a. Make godly **decisions** that will reflect God's holiness in our lives
- b. **Fulfill** God's call to be more like Him

Conclusion:

Table talks:

1) In what ways has God's message, expressed through the words and life of Christ, transformed the way you view yourself and others?

2) Read 1 Peter 1:3-5

Q: The Apostle Peter highlighted in these verses that our heavenly Father is a merciful God, by giving us a "new birth" (v.3), and "an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade" (v.4). In knowing and living out this message, how will this affect one's attitude and perspective when facing life's uncertainties?

3) Read 1 Peter 1:6-9

Q: In these verses of Scripture, the Apostle Peter showed the genuineness of the believer's faith and relationship with Jesus Christ, evident by what Peter said in verse 8. How can our genuine faith and relationship with Christ help us overcome the trials and the difficulties in life?

4) Read 1 Peter 1:10-12

Q: In these verses of Scripture, the Apostle Peter expressed how the Holy Spirit called and revealed to the Prophets about what they wrote regarding "the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow" (v.11). In knowing and living out God's message, how can one discover and live out his/her call from God?