

THE CHRISTIAN IN A HOSTILE WORLD



People of God with Great Responsibilities

Knowing who we are enables us to live like real children of God in a world of hostility

1 Peter 1:13-2:3

<p>Introduction</p>	<p>After affirming the great blessings of being God’s people, Peter urged his readers to fulfill the responsibilities of their calling as children of God. By fulfilling these responsibilities they would demonstrate to the world who they were.</p>
<p>Bible Study</p>	<p>In verse 13 Peter compares the Christian to a soldier. What three things is the Christian to do?</p> <p>What must we do to be obedient children? (v. 14-16)</p> <p>With what attitude should we conduct ourselves as God's children? (v. 17)</p> <p>What facts should encourage us to do this? (v. 18-20)</p> <p>For what do Christians purify their souls? (v. 22) How do they do this? What obligation does their purification place upon them?</p> <p>Why should they do this? (v. 23)</p> <p>What should Christians lay aside? (2:1) What should they do instead?</p>
<p>Discerning Principles</p>	<p>What things do earthly parents have a right to expect from their children?</p> <p>Could we say that everything that a parent has a right to expect of his children, God has a right to expect of us?</p>
<p>Applying the Message</p>	<p>Do you reflect often on the responsibilities of being one of God’s children?</p> <p>How can we show others day by day that we are God’s children?</p>