

Courageous Series
Week 3 outline
1 Peter 1:13-25

Leading as a Follower: Sober Minded and Pure Hearted

I. A Life Conformed

A. Frequently Distracted

- by tantalizing information about the past
- by pressing circumstances of today
- by future rumors of a better tomorrow

B. Quickly Diverted

- convinced something else other than Christ might offer an answer to our problems we quickly begin to hedge our bets.

C. Easily Distorted

- believing there's life to be had apart from Jesus

ARE WE BEING CONFORMED TO THE PATTERNS OF THIS WORLD,
OR TRANSFORMED INTO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST?

II. "Be Holy, Because I am Holy"

A. A Holy Life is a Life with a Clear Lens... "Therefore" -vs 13

In the clear lens of

1. What God has done...
2. What God is doing...
3. What God will do....

A HOLY LIFE IS A LIFE LIVED IN RESPONSE
TO WHAT GOD HAS DONE, IS DOING, AND WILL DO IN OUR LIVES.
WHEN IT'S NOT, WE JUST DIE TRYING.

B. A Life Lived in Holy Response:

1. With a Mindset for Action (vs 13)
 - a. literally: *"gird up the loins of your mind"*
2. With a Sober Mind
 - a. keeping your wits about you
 - b. the opposite of irrational
3. With a Hope Fully Set:
 - a. on the grace promised through Jesus
 - b. to "set our hope" is to believe the Gospel

"HOPE ISN'T AN ATTITUDE THAT NEEDS CULTIVATED;
IT IS A REALITY TO BE RECOGNIZED" -E. Clowney

- 4. In Obedience as Children of God:
 - a. with a Father who loves us
 - b. with an inheritance that does not perish, spoil, or fade
- 5. Not conforming to the patterns of this world
 - a. Romans 12:2

GOD DOESN'T WANT US TO BE CONFORMED, OR EVEN JUST INFORMED...
HE WANTS US TO BE TRANSFORMED INTO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST

III. 5 Rules for Leading with Transformational Lives... *"So Live out Your Time Here"* (vs 17-25)

Rule #1. **Remember Your Citizenship** (vs 17)

- is in Heaven, not here
- with your allegiance to your heavenly Father
- in reverent fear of Him, not man

Rule #2. **Reorient Your Identity** (vs 18-20)

- in Christ and nothing else
- bought by Christ, not by works
- for your sake, out of His great love

Rule #3. **Recognize Your Hope** (vs 21)

- is in Jesus and no one else

Rule #4. **Resolve to Love Deeply** (vs 22)

- with a pure heart: *"now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth ... love from the heart"*
- from the new, sincere brotherly-love; with a new, holy, agape-love

Agape Love is God's immeasurable and incomparable love for us. It is his ongoing, outgoing, self-sacrificing concern for the ones He created. God gives this love without condition and unreservedly to those who are both undeserving of and inferior to himself.

Rule #5. **Remain Planted** (vs 23-25)

- in the word of God
- it is living and enduring in a world that is anything but.

1. Where am I distracted by my work, diverted with my attention, or distorted in my thinking?
How does that keep me from being transformed to the image of Christ?
2. How practically can I live in the transformed and holy life of Christ today?
3. What might a sober mind and pure heart change as I lead as a follower of Jesus where I live, work, and play?