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### Walking "Among the Pagans"

We shouldn't try to avoid contact with unbelievers while we're just passing through!

1 Peter 2:11-12, NIV

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles...Live such good lives among the pagans that...they may see your good deeds.

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### Just Passing Through...A War Zone!

Be a stranger to the WAYS of the world without being a stranger to the PEOPLE of the world!

1 Peter 2:11, NIV

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*Distance yourself from sin, not "pagans"!*

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### The Passions and Practices of the "Flesh"

Galatians 5:19-21, MSG

It is obvious what kind of life develops out of trying to get your own way all the time: repetitive, loveless, cheap sex; a stinking accumulation of mental and emotional garbage; frenzied and joyless grabs for happiness; trinket gods; magic-show religion; paranoid loneliness; cutthroat competition; all-consuming-yet-never-satisfied wants; a brutal temper; an impotence to love or be loved; divided homes and divided lives; small-minded and lopsided pursuits; the vicious habit of depersonalizing everyone into a rival; uncontrolled and uncontrollable addictions; ugly parodies of community. I could go on.

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### Just Passing Though...A Witnessing Zone!

Walk so attractively that "pagan" critics might reconsider – and decide to join you on the pathway to heaven!

1 Peter 2:12, NIV

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

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### Walk AND Talk!

Among the pagans, Christian pilgrims  
must stand out – and speak up!

1 Peter 3:15, NIV

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### Are You Getting Asked?

Your good, clean, hope-full life  
will arouse curiosity and prompt questions.

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### If You're Not Getting Asked...

- Perhaps “*the hope that you have*” isn’t being displayed as strongly as it should be!
- Perhaps you aren’t close enough to any pagans for them to notice “*the hope that you have*”!

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### Stuck For “An Answer”?

Have something to say when you have the opportunity to say something!

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### Myths Regarding “Always Being Prepared”

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**Myths Regarding “Always Being Prepared”**

- You have to know everything before you can say anything!
- You are a failure at evangelism if you ever miss or mishandle an opportunity!

*REHASH → REHAB → REHEARSE*

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**Be Bold...But Not Brash!**

**Defend your faith without offending people  
in the way you defend it!**

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