

**The First Epistle of PETER**  
**Chapter 2:11-25**  
**“The Pilgrim’s Progress”**

**I) THE PILGRIM’S PURPOSE! (v11-12)**

-What are we to abstain from? Fleshly lusts.

-What are fleshly lusts? (List them from Galatians 5:16-26)

-How will non-believers “glorify God” through us? By our good works!

(2:12 **conduct honorable.** The Gr. word for “honorable” is rich in meaning and implies the purest, highest, noblest kind of goodness. It means “lovely,” “winsome,” “gracious,” “noble,” and “excellent.” Having been disciplined in the inward and private side, the Christian must outwardly live among non-Christians in a way which reflects that inward discipline. **evildoers.** The early Christians were falsely accused of rebellion against the government with such false accusations as: terrorism (burning Rome; see Introduction: Background and Setting), atheism (no idols or emperor worship), cannibalism (rumors about the Lord’s Supper), immorality (because of their love for one another), damaging trade and social progress, and leading slaves into insurrection. Cf. Acts 16:18–21; 19:19,24–27. - *The MacArthur Study Bible*)

**II) THE PILGRIM’S POLITICS! (v13-17)**

- What is the Christian’s civic responsibility? Submit to the law of the land.

- We “submit” for whose sake? The Lord Jesus!

- What is the purpose of worldly governments? To punish evildoers.

- What was Jesus response to worldly governments? Read Matthew 22:15-22

- When does a Christian disobey man’s law? When it is in direct contradiction of God’s Higher laws.

- What is the “will of God” concerning our politics? To do good, Honor all people, Love one another, fear God, Honor the king. (For more on “government” read Romans ch. 13)

**III) THE PILGRIM’S BUSINESS! (v18-20)**

(Think of “servants” as employees & “masters” as employers.)

- Employees should be submissive.

- What is commendable before God? To be patient & return good for evil. (Read Ro. 12:16-21)

**> Eight Keys to Success:**

#1- Be Honest!

#2- Be Respectful!

#3- Be Timely!

#4- Be Industrious!

#5- Be Enthusiastic!

#6- Be Positive!

#7- Be Open! (a learner)

#8- Be Enjoyable!

**IV) THE PILGRIM’S SAVIOUR! (v21-25)**

- Who is our example in all of life’s experiences? Jesus

- List how we are to follow His steps? He did not revile; He did not threaten; He committed His life to God’s righteous judgment.

- What have we died to? Sins

- What do we live for? Righteousness

- We are sheep and Jesus is the Shepherd & Overseer of our souls. (PRAISE THE LORD!)

**Memory Verse:** “*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.*” - Galatians 5:22-23