HOW TO LIVE IN A HOSTILE WORLD
1 Peter 1:13-2:3

1. ENTHUSIASTICALLY FOCUS on my future hope.

1 Peter 1:13-21 "… 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." (NIV)

Colossians 3:1-4 "1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory." (NIV)

2. CONTINUALLY LIVE a morally disciplined life.

1 Peter 1:14-16 "14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15 But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." (NIV)

a. Because Our Heavenly Father will HOLD US ACCOUNTABLE.

1 Peter 1:17a "Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear."

b. Because Jesus PAID A COSTLY PRICE to redeem us.

1 Peter 1:18-2:3 "18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 21 Through Him you believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and glorified Him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

Hebrews 12:14 "Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord." (NIV)

3. GENUINELY LOVE other believers.

1 Peter 1:22-2:1 "22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. 23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. 24 For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, 25 but the word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word that was preached to you. 2:1 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind." (NIV)

1 John 4:11-12 "11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us." (NIV)

4. PASSIONATELY PURSUE spiritual growth.

1 Peter 2:2-3 "2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good." (NIV)

1 Timothy 4:8 "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." (NIV)

BOTTOM LINE

Even though we live as spiritual foreigners in the world, we can still live with JOY because we are living for JESUS.

1 Peter 1:8-9 "8 Though you have not seen Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls." (NIV)