

LIVE  UNOFFENDED



*“Aliens aren’t easily
offended”*



1 Peter 2:11

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.



1 Peter 2:12

*Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable,
so that when they speak against you as evildoers,
they may see your good deeds and glorify God on
the day of visitation.*



1. Live like an alien

*“I urge you as sojourners
and exiles ”*



We should not live with a mentality that this world is the destination. Our destination is eternity. We shouldn't expect that ultimate joy and ultimate peace and ultimate comfort and ultimate satisfaction will be found today (here)... we should rather know that it is coming...



*“Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, **which wage war against your soul.**”*



2. Fight like a soldier



We need to live with the awareness that there is a war being fought on the turf of our hearts for the control of our souls and what controls our souls will control our words and our behavior



Ephesians 6:12-13

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.



Often, our definition of spiritual warfare isn't mundane enough. Spiritual warfare takes place in the car, the family room, the work place, the lunch appointment, the laundry, the classroom, the church...



*Good desires become bad gods when they control
our heart*



*“Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, **they may see your good deeds and glorify God** on the day of visitation.”*



3. Behave as a representative



2 Corinthians 5:15

and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.



2 Corinthians 5:20

*Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were **entreating through us**; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God*



Live with a destination mentality
Live with a wartime mentality
Live with a Gospel mentality



Jesus is the ultimate
Exile
Soldier
representative



*A person with nothing to lose
Is not easily offended*

