



# MAXIMUM IMPACT

Part 2

How can Christ-followers make the most meaningful impact on the unbelieving world? That was in Peter's mind when he wrote this letter to scattered believers facing hostility from their neighbors.

Four principles that transcend time stand out here; these will encourage us and empower us as we seek to influence our world for Christ and leave a lasting impression.

Maximum Impact - 1 Peter  
2:11-17

Four principles will help you  
make maximum impact

1. Realize Your Identity (1 Peter 2:11a)

## Sojourners (Travelers)

We live alongside people who make this  
world their home

## Pilgrims (Visitors)

A traveler; someone who stops by  
temporarily but is on the move

You're loved by God, but you are not a  
local – you're a foreigner

# Realize Your Identity

Philippians 3:20

Because we are citizens of heaven, we will always be  
square pegs in round holes

Knowing our identity will give us proper balance in life

## Realize Your Identity

It will also give us proper incentive



## 2. Resist Your Impulses (1 Peter 2:11b)

Knowing who we are will help us know what to do when certain impulses and temptations come

The Internal Battles

1 Corinthians 10:13

Everyone has the impulse to do wrong things

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### The Spiritual War

Galatians 5:17; *lusts* = wars

"I have had more trouble with D.L. Moody than with any other man who has ever crossed my path" – D.L. Moody

### 3. Reveal Your Integrity (1 Peter 2:12a)

What is private and inward must eventually become public and outward

Before Your World

"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"

### 3. Reveal Your Integrity (1 Peter 2:12a)

Unbelievers study us; they're watching to see if we fail

Peter was saying live so noble a life that any of those accusations won't stick

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For Your God

We as Christians are on stage; the bright light of the unbeliever is on us

What are they seeing?

"A saint is one who makes it easy to believe in Jesus"

—Ruth Graham

#### 4. Remember Your Intention (v. 12b)

The ultimate goal is what it will do to unbelievers  
"Day of visitation" is an Old Testament phrase used  
to describe when God visits the earth with blessing or  
judgment

A. God Glorified in Blessing

1. Ruth 1:6

2. God showed up with blessing

## 4. Remember Your Intention (v. 12b)

God Glorified in Judgment

Zechariah 10:3

Peter was speaking of the second coming of Christ;  
it'll be a day of good news for some and a day of  
bad news for others

## 4. Remember Your Intention (v. 12b)

How can a person who is observing a  
Christian glorify God on the day of  
visitation?

Your lifestyle will push them right over  
into receiving Christ themselves  
Or Philippians 2:10-11



# Closing

To Christians: life is built on character  
Character is built on choices and  
decisions