



What makes something worth your effort to do?

1 Peter 2:11 & 12 Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. 12 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.

1. Abstain from _____ desires

How does giving into our sinful desires lessen our impact?

- Genesis 4:7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."

A) _____ everything that entangles us

- Hebrews 12:1 "throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles"

What sinful desires are waging war on your soul?

B) _____ the full armor of God!

- Ephesians 6:13 Therefore **put on the full armor of God**, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

What piece of armor do you need the most right now?

C) _____ for God's way out!

- 1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

2. Live _____ Lives!

What makes it difficult to do good when you are accused of wrong?

Underline the ways a living for Christ makes an impact on others...

- 1 Peter 3:9 Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.
- 1 Peter 3:10 For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it.
- 1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.
- Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven

What truth from today's message will you take this week?

DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK: Key Christian character traits that enable you to make an impact for the LORD! (2:Peter 1:5-8)

