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Today's verses

11 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.

12 Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

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beloved - *agapetos* - divinely loved ones

- the distinctive word used of God's divine love Wuest
- 1 Peter 4:12a **Beloved**, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing

I urge you [believer] – present, middle voice [you're involved]

urge – *parakaleō* - to call upon someone to do something to exhort, to beg - *lit*: to call to one's side

- **Urge** - lies between commanding and pleading*
- It is one of the tenderest expressions in all the Bible.*

* Constable quoting others



more verses on “urge” [*parakaleo*]:

Phlm 1:8a Therefore, though I have enough confidence in Christ to order you to do what is proper, ⁹ yet for love's sake I rather appeal [*parakaleo*] to you.

Eph 4:1 Therefore I encourage [*parakaleo*] you --- to walk worthy of the calling by which you were called. Interlinear

- In both verses we the have idea of urging or encouraging the believer to do something.
- The verb is present, indicative, active.
- Present tense is the idea of continuous action [continually urging/encouraging you].

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as aliens and strangers

aliens – *paroikos* – we are not citizens of this world

[our citizenship is in heaven – Phil 3:20]

strangers – *parepidēmos* - to settle down alongside of
pagans

- The two words describe the Christian in his position in this world.*
- He has made his home alongside of the unsaved and settled down amongst them,*
- An alien and one that is a stranger to them in that he is different from them.*
- We are **in** the world but not **of** the world. — James 1:27c

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to abstain from fleshly lusts

Greek word is *apechō* - to hold from

- in the middle voice – lit: to keep oneself from
- you are the center of the battle*
- the battle is with your sin nature [flesh]*

lust - *epithymia* - a desire, craving, longing, mostly of evil desires but can be good ones

fleshly - *sarkikós* – can be the flesh/body or fallen Adamic nature – *lit*: carnal

examples of **fleshly lust**:

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ego lust, power lust, material lust, sexual lust, pleasure lust

- lusts are not passive but active! – see last part of verse

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which [fleshly lust] *wage war against the soul*

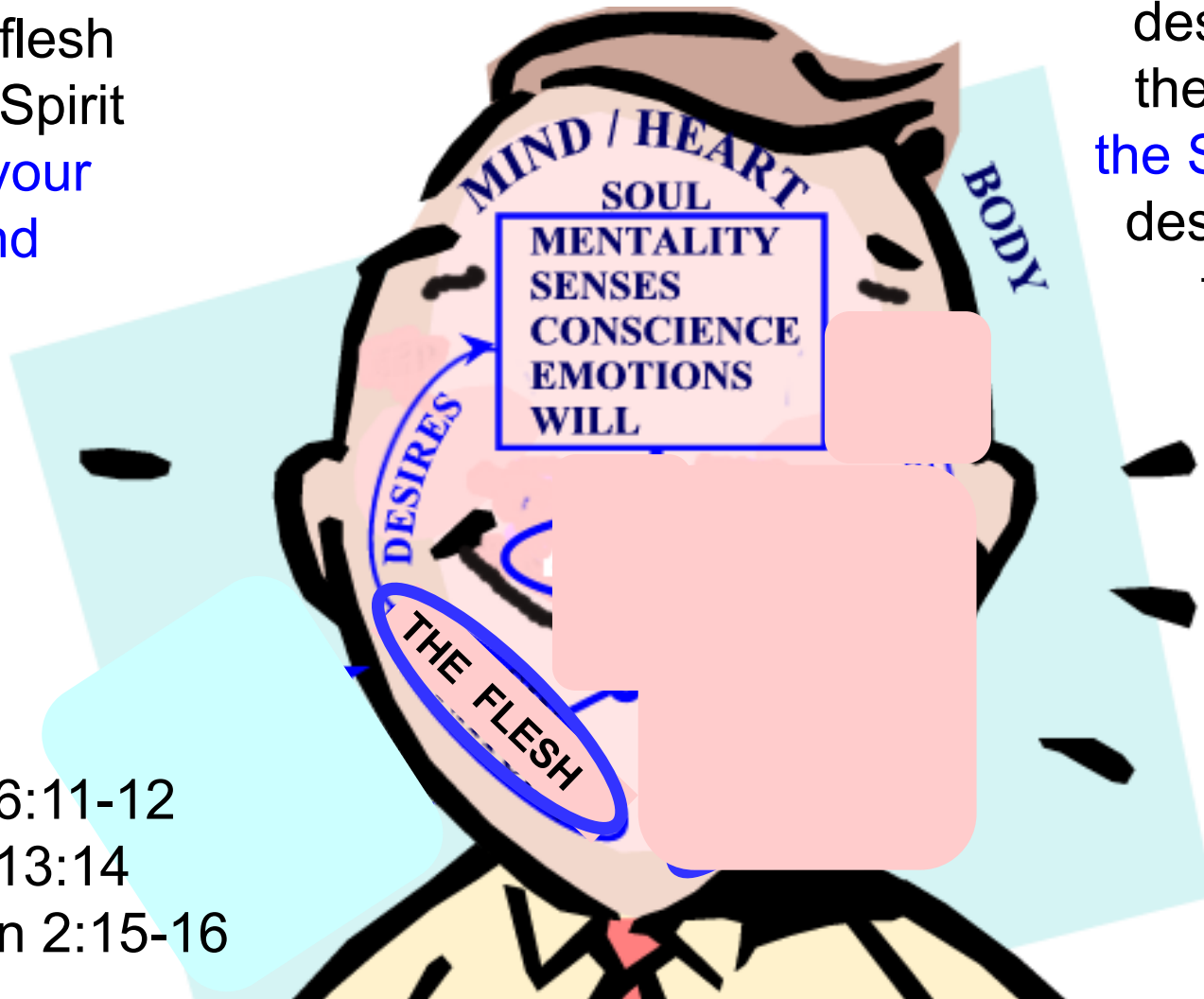
war - *strateuō* - "to make war" (lit: "an encamped army")

- speaks of the act of carrying on a military campaign*
- James 4:1 What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures [lusts] that *wage war in your members*?
- Rom 7:23 but I see a different law in the members of my body, *waging war against the law of my mind* and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.
- How are we to counter this battle with our soul?

The
battleground
of the flesh
vs the Spirit
is in **your
mind**

Gal 5:17a For
the flesh sets its
desire against
the Spirit, and
the Spirit [sets its
desire] against
the flesh

See:
Rom 6:11-12
Rom 13:14
1 John 2:15-16



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- The verse begins by defining the evidence that believers should set in front of unbelievers. McCalley
- What is the main evidence that an unbeliever needs to see?

keep your behavior excellent - present tense – continuous action

- notice it's your behavior, not your words
- **behavior** - *anastrophe* - manner of life, living
- **excellent** - expresses beauty as a harmonious completeness, balance, proportion
- We are to habitually exhibit a beautiful life in front of unbelievers. [Christ's life] McCalley

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so that – with a purpose that wherein or although they [Gentiles] speak against - *katalaleō* - to speak evil - from the word for backbiting, defamation you [believers] as evildoers

- the word is *kakopoios* - pernicious, injurious, evil, behaving in a bad way
- Believers were frequently slandered and called everything from pests to habitual criminals.*
- We will study the nature of the persecution leveled at Christians when we come to the last part of 1 Peter.*

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they [Gentiles] may because of your good deeds, as they observe them

- even though they speak against you they are to observe your good deeds

Peter is making an impossible request!

[they] glorify God in the day of visitation

What is the day of visitation?

visitation - *episkope* - in the NT, metaphorically, of God, who is said to visit men for good*

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Day of visitation is literally day of overseeing.*

This term is always used in the New Testament of times when God visits in mercy and grace.

(Note its use in Luke 1:68, 78; 7:16.)

The expression refers to the time when those who see the believer's good works will be saved—visited by God's mercy and grace.

This salvation comes about as a result of observing the believer's good works. Here is evangelism by life. This concept is also the means for evangelism of an unbelieving husband. (see I Peter 3:1).

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