

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for July 20, 2008

Pursuing Pleasure or Growing in Grace
2 Peter 3:17-18
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The Call

- To live our lives in a way that reflects we belong to Christ (1 Peter 2:9).

The Contrast

- Christians should look and act differently from the world. Christians are to have different values, character traits, and life styles. We are to be motivated by our love for Christ and the gospel (Titus 2:1-15; Galatians 5:19-25; Colossians 3:1-13; 2 Timothy 3:1-4).

The Commitment

- To make choices that honor God and are true to His Word, choices that will help and not hinder growing in grace (Philippians 4:8; Romans 13:14; 1 John 2:15-16; 1 Peter 1:13-16).
- To make choices that help and not hinder our brothers and sisters in Christ (Philippians 2:1-4; Romans 14:13; 1 Corinthians 10:31-32; Hebrews 10:23-25).
- The practical application of 1 Timothy 2:1-10.

The Core

- At the core of every decision is the glory of God (2 Corinthians 5:20; 1 Corinthians 10:31; 2 Peter 3:17-18).

May God give us the grace and determination to value His call on our lives, understand the contrast our lives should display, and to make a commitment to study His Word so we can make personal, real-life applications from what we learn for the glory of God.