

*Strangers in the World: an Exposition of 1 Peter*

# **Worldly Desire vs. the Will of God**

1 Peter 4:1-11 Pew Bible p. 1202-1203

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## **Introduction**

In the video clip, Donald struggles with whether to listen to his good self or his bad self. Do you experience such internal struggles? When? Over what?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cNdTVw0IWrc>

## **Evil Worldly Desires 1 Peter 4:1-6**

What two goals are set in opposition to one another in 1 Pet. 4:2?

What extreme forms of indulging evil worldly desire are listed in verse 3? What worldly desires do you struggle with?

Peter provides some incentives to help us say “no” to our evil worldly desires:

1. The futility and pain of the s\_\_\_\_\_ way of life  
1 Pet. 4:3
2. Knowing that \_\_\_\_\_ Day is coming 1 Pet. 4:5
3. Christ’s e\_\_\_\_\_ and encouragement 1 Pet. 4:1-2

Peter urges us to let worldly desires e\_\_\_\_\_.

## The Will of God 1 Peter 4:7-11

Peter describes some important ways Christians are to do the will of God:

1. Pray 1 Pet. 4:7 (Luke 21:36, Col. 4:2, Eph. 6:18)
2. L\_\_\_\_\_ each other deeply 1 Pet. 4:8
3. Offer h\_\_\_\_\_ to one another 1 Pet. 4:9
4. Use spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ to serve one another 1 Pet. 4:10-11

In order to do these things, what will have to happen with our self-centered worldly desires?

Christians are to live to f\_\_\_\_\_ the will of God.

### Conclusion and Charge

Truth to take home: ***Christ calls us to live to fulfill the will of God, and not to indulge worldly desires.***

Challenge: ***Let your worldly desires expire. Live to fulfill the will of God.***

What is the Holy Spirit prompting you to do a result of this message?