

Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.

<sup>12</sup>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. – I Peter 2:11-12

And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour? <sup>31</sup>I die every day—I mean that, brothers—just as surely as I glory over you in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>32</sup>If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus for merely human reasons, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised,

"Let us eat and drink,

for tomorrow we die." <sup>33</sup>Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." <sup>34</sup>Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God—I say this to your shame. – I Corinthians 15:30-34

## The epicurean way to a happy life:

- ⇒ Don't fear God.
- ⇒ Don't worry about death.
- ⇒ What is good is easy to get.
- ⇒ What is terrible is easy to endure.

This was the type of philosophy The Apostle Paul was up against. It is no different for us today.

## Living the true good life:

### 1) Live your life with eternity in mind.

Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. II Corinthians 5:1

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup>For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup>The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

– I John 2:15-17

### 2) Live a pure life.

- ⇒ Sow a thought.
- ⇒ Reap an action.
- ⇒ Sow an act.
- ⇒ Reap an habit.
- ⇒ Sow a habit.
- ⇒ Reap a character.
- ⇒ Sow a character.
- ⇒ Reap a destiny.

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D.L. Moody

### 3) Live a righteous life.

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Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. – I Timothy 4:12

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