

A vintage television set with a red glow and a digital background. The screen displays the text "LIVING G-RATED LIVES IN AN X-RATED WORLD" and "1 Peter 4:1-6". The background features a grid of numbers and symbols in yellow and green. The television has two large dials on the right side and a speaker grille at the bottom.

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1 Peter 4:1-6

Contextual Information

Today's society has a profane, amoral worldview; free from Biblical truth, boundaries, consciences, and/or absolutes.

The same was true 2000 years ago in Rome. Peter addresses how the Christian is live in such a society.

**1 Therefore, since
Christ suffered in
the flesh, arm
yourselves also with
the same resolve—
because the One who
suffered in the flesh
has finished with sin—**

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² in order to live the remaining time in the flesh, no longer for human desires, but for God's will.

³ For there has already been enough time spent in doing the will of the pagans:

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**carrying on in
unrestrained behavior,
evil desires, drunkenness,
orgies, carousing, and lawless
idolatry. ⁴ In regard to this, they
are surprised that you don't
plunge with them into the same
flood of dissipation**

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—and they slander
you. ⁵ They will give
an account to the One
who stands ready to

judge the living and the dead.

⁶ For this reason the gospel was
also preached to [those who are
now] dead,

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**so that, although they
might be judged by men in
the fleshly realm, they
might live by God in the
spiritual realm.**

1. Do Not Accept Sin as Normal

with the same resolve—because the One who suffered in the flesh has finished with sin —

We are in a warfare with the desires and lusts of the flesh, but we are to realize we have conquered them.

We are to live for God and not human desires.

1. Do Not Accept Sin as Normal

Our normality in Christianity is to deny ourselves and our fleshly desires and to identify ourselves with Christ and His sufferings of death.

Therefore, in suffering for Christ, is normal where sinning is not.

2. Seek to Do God's Will

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (HCSB)

¹⁶ Rejoice always!

¹⁷ Pray constantly.

¹⁸ Give thanks in everything, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

God's will is for believers to live pure and righteous lives.

Lusting after things of this world is not the will of God.

3. Hate the Sin and Love the Sinner

⁵ They will give an account to the One...

**It is not ours to judge, it is ours to help
the person from their sin.**

God can redeem all...no matter the sin.

**People will not change without the power
of Christ, His death and resurrection.**

3. Hate the Sin and Love the Sinner

Just because we are saved, does not mean we lose hate for sin in our lives either.

carrying on in unrestrained behavior, evil desires, drunkenness, orgies, carousing, and lawless idolatry.

Sin is not to control, but the Holy Spirit is to control our lives.

4. Know the World Will Not Be Happy

...and they slander you.

- **The worldly just cannot understand why a genuine believer separates himself from the world and does not participate in its pleasures.**
- **Nor do they understand why a genuine believer gives all he is and has to spreading and sharing the gospel.**

4. Know the World Will Not Be Happy

If the believer participated in the pleasures and ways of the world before his conversion, old friends will not be happy.

Conversion brings separation, former associates begin to look at you as a strange creature, and they often begin to speak evil of you.

Living g-rating can bring x-rated response.

Living a pure life today...

**Means we seek God
through His Son Jesus.**

**And because we are
Godly does not mean it
will be easy.**

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