

Surviving Life

“Never Settle for Just GOOD” (6)

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Text: 1 Peter 2:1-8

Most of us want to be changed, to become more like Christ. The BIG Q. – Is it happening? Here’s the problem...By and large we do not expect people to experience ongoing transformation. We see this all around us! The sensation and slow slide towards accepting “good” instead of pursuing excellence finds its way also into the church.

Being a member of God’s family initiates a life-long building pro-gram. WP = Just as buildings under construction improve in appear-ance as they near completion, so, too, should the behavior and attitudes of Christ-followers improve as we get nearer our eternal reward.

Let us consider THREE aspects toward pursuing excellence:

1. E _____ – v.1 “*So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.*”

Peter lists five sins of attitude and behavior/speech that we must eliminate as we take on more of Christ’s likeness and build a life of excellence.

- M _____
- D _____
- H _____
- E _____
- S _____

2. F _____ – v.2-3

3. C _____ – v.4ff

WARNING SIGNS OF SETTLING FOR GOOD.

ASK YOURSELF:

Am I spiritually “inauthentic”? (A preoccupation with *appearing* to be spiritual.)

Am I becoming judgmental or exclusive or proud?

Am I growing weary of pursuing spiritual growth?

Am I measuring my spiritual life in superficial ways?

(E.g. – *Only* in terms of following the daily reading plan or attending church or praying before meals....)

