

## We Are Warriors Today's Message

*Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.* 1 Pet. 2:11-12 NASB

1. Be aware \_\_\_\_\_  
*Abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.* 1 Pet. 2:11b NASB

*Realize that in the last days difficult times will come. For people will be lovers of self...and lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.* 2 Tim. 3:1-4 NASB

The dangers of pursuing pleasure:

- It wastes \_\_\_\_\_
- It causes \_\_\_\_\_
- It leads to \_\_\_\_\_
- It destroys \_\_\_\_\_

2. Exercise \_\_\_\_\_  
*Abstain from fleshly lusts...Keep your behavior excellent.* 1 Pet. 2:11, 12a NASB

*If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.*  
Matt. 16:24 NASB

When to say no:

- Is it in harmony with God's Word?
- Would I want everyone to know about it?
- Will this make me a better person?
- Could this become addictive?
- Will this harm anyone else?

3. Focus \_\_\_\_\_  
*Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that...they may...glorify God in the day of visitation.* 1 Pet. 2:12 NASB

*Prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world.* Phil. 2:15 NASB

*As [the Father] sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.* John 17:18 NASB