



**PETER'S TEACHING
ABOUT MANNER OF
LIFE, #1**

I. DEFINITION: ANASTROPHE, “In the NT, mode of life, conduct, behavior, deportment (Gal. 1:13; Eph. 4:22; James 3:13; II Pet. 2:7; 3:11); life, as made up of actions (Heb. 13:7; I Pet. 1:15)”-Spiros Zodhiates, The Complete Word Study Dictionary New Testament, pg. 164.

NOTE:

KJV goes with “conversation,” and “pass”

NKJV goes with “conduct”

NASV goes with “behavior,” “way of life,” and “conduct”

II. Scriptures alluded to by Spiros Zodhiates

“For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it”-Gal. 1:13.

“That you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts”-Eph. 4:22.

***“Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity”
-I Tim. 4:12.***

“Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom”-James 3:13.

“And delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed with the filthy conduct of the wicked”-II Pet. 2:7.

***“Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness”
-II Pet. 3:11.***

III. Scriptures from Peter's letters

A. Christians are to live a “holy” manner of life

“Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

As obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;

But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct.

Because it is written, Be holy, for I am holy”
-1 Peter 1:13-16.

Let's observe the immediate context of verses 15 & 16.

1. Christians are to gird up the loins of their mind, be sober minded, and let their focal point be fully upon the grace that's to be brought to them at the Lord's coming-verse 13.

2. Christians are to be obedient children of God who abstain from former lusts-verse 14.

Christians need to see that Peter is quoting from the book of Leviticus-see Leviticus 11:44 & 45; 19:2; 20:7 & 26; 21:6 & 7.

Let's notice some statements from Leviticus 19.

“Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I am holy”-19:2.

Let's notice of a listing of things Moses spoke to Israel in order that they might be holy.

1. Fear mother and father, and keep God's Sabbaths-v. 3. See Acts 20:7; 2:42; Hebrews 10:24-26; Eph. 6:1-3.

2. Abstain from idolatry-v. 4. See Col. 3:5

3. Make provision for the poor and strangers-vs. 9 & 10. See Galatians 6:10; I John 3:17 & 18.

4. Don't steal, deal falsely, or lie-v. 11. See Ephesians 4:25 & 28,

5. Don't swear, nor profane God's name-v. 12. See Matthew 6:9. The word "hallowed" (hagiazō) means to make holy, sanctify, to set God's name in a state opposite to common, or profane!

6. "Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but thou shalt fear thy God: I am the Lord"-v. 14.

Question: Do we as Christians take advantage of disadvantaged people?

Would we figuratively “Take candy away from a baby?”

Would we pay some senile person \$500 for something worth \$10,000?

Will we as Christians lay a stumbling block before those who are spiritually blind, or little children? See the record in Matthew 18:1-10.

Would we as Christians shun, or avoid mongoloids and those with learning disabilities?

Would we belittle, or make fun of them?

7. “Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbor”-verse 15.

Question: Would we as Christians show favor to either the poor or the rich. See James 2:1-13.

8. Don't be a talebearer-to do so is to stand against the blood of your neighbor-v. 16.

9. Don't hate your brother-verse 17. See I John 3:15.

10. Love your neighbor as yourself-v. 18. see Luke 10:25-37.

IV. CLOSE: DO WE NEED TO MAKE CHANGES IN OUR MANNER OF LIFE IN ORDER TO BE PLEASING TO THE LORD?