

*Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world. 1 Peter 2:12 (NLT)*

## Spotlight

**You are being watched. Your life is under close scrutiny. Your behavior is being constantly evaluated.** I know that you see all things. Nothing goes unnoticed by you. Nothing can be hidden from your view. **You are correct. However, I am not now talking about me. I am not now telling you that I am constantly watching you. I am not now saying that your life is under my close scrutiny and constant evaluation.** What are you saying to me? **People who do not yet know me, are watching your life. Your life is under close scrutiny by others in the world. Everything that you think, say and do is being constantly evaluated by those who have not yet come to believe in me.** That makes me more than a little uncomfortable. **Why is that?** I know that I am not perfect. I have sinned against you and others in my thoughts, words, and deeds. I have made mistakes. I have taken missteps. I have done what I should not have done. I have not done what I should have done. I have no idea how I will measure up to the close scrutiny and constant evaluation of those who have not yet come to know you. I want to be a bold witness for you in the world. I want others to be drawn to you through the testimony of my life. I don't want anything that I might think, say, or do to be a barrier to those who might want to come to know you. **That's very good.**

**You know now that the spotlight is on you.** Yes, I do. **What will you do differently to make sure that your life serves as a bold and bright witness for me in the world?** I will be very careful to live an honorable life before you and unbelievers in the world. I do know one thing for sure. **What's that?** I cannot live an honorable life that is a bright witness for you in the world, without your help. Without your help, my light would offer nothing to anyone living in the world. I need you to change my heart and transform my mind. I need you to help me to think your thoughts and do your will. I need you to shine brightly in and through my life. You are the only light that I can offer to the world. **Yes, I am. Are you asking me to make you able to be a witness for me in the world? Are you asking me to shine my light in and through your life?** Yes Lord, I am. Those are my prayers. **I will hear and answer your prayers. Many will come to know me through the bright witness and bold testimony of your life.**

*Lord, I am not perfect. Far from it. I am a sinner in my thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive me of all my sin. Cleanse me of all my unrighteousness. Help me to live a good and honorable life that serves as a bold and bright witness to unbelievers in this world. Amen*

**Be** *Live Such Good Lives*

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.

NIV 1 Peter 2:12

**Be** *Keep Your Conduct...Honorable*

Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

ESV 1 Peter 2:12

**Be** *Careful To Live Properly*

Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.

NLT 1 Peter 2:12

**Be** *Having Your Conduct Honorable*

having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

NKJV 1 Peter 2:12

**Be** *Conduct Yourselves Honorably*

Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

NRSV 1 Peter 2:12

**Be** *Live An Exemplary Life*

Live an exemplary life among the natives so that your actions will refute their prejudices. Then they'll be won over to God's side and be there to join in the celebration when he arrives.

MSG 1 Peter 2:12

**Be** *Conduct Yourselves Properly*

Conduct yourselves properly (honorably, righteously) among the Gentiles, so that, although they may slander you as evildoers, [yet] they may by witnessing your good deeds [come to] glorify God in the day of inspection [when God shall look upon you wanderers as a pastor or shepherd looks over his flock].

AMP 1 Peter 2:12

**Be** *Be Careful How You Behalf*

Be careful how you behave among your unsaved neighbors; for then, even if they are suspicious of you and talk against you, they will end up praising God for your good works when Christ returns.

TLB 1 Peter 2:12

**Be** *Keep Your Behavior Excellent*

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.

NASB 1 Peter 2:12

**Be** *Live Such Good Lives*

People who do not believe are living all around you and might say that you are doing wrong. Live such good lives that they will see the good things you do and will give glory to God on the day when Christ comes again.

NCV 1 Peter 2:12



**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you be careful to live an honorable life so that you will be a good witness to unbelievers.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will be careful to live an honorable life so that I will be a good witness to unbelievers.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I live an honorable life and be a good witness to unbelievers today?*

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