**I Peter 1:13-16**

***“Living In A Garbage Can”***

Introduction

1. How can I live in a garbage can and not smell like garbage?

2. I Peter 1:13-16 tells us how this is possible:

How can I live in a garbage can and not smell like it?

**I. THE PRACTICE IN A GARBAGE CAN 1:13-14**

 ***A. Our Attitude 13***

*Wherefore* Because of all we have in salvation. For every revelation there is a logical

 response.

1. **A Careful Mind** *Gird up the loins of your mind*

***a)*** *Having girded up* pictures a decisive action.

 \*In the 1st century men wore long flowing robes. To allow freedom of

 movement they would tuck the skirt into their belt.

 \**’Let nothing hinder your mind as you put it to work.’*

***b)*** *Mind*…It’s a mind game. It is the seat of reflective consciousness. Watch

what goes into your eye gate and ear gate.

 \*The mind is to be free from any hindrances (fear, worry, filth, a focus on the

 negative, etc.)

 \*Anything that would hinder the work of the Holy Spirit or your spiritual

 progress.

 \*You are not what you think you are, but what you think, you are.

 \*This is our obligation. Filter: we must say ‘no’ to some things and ‘yes’

 to others. **If not, your spiritual life will stink!**

 **2. A Controlled Mind** *Be sober*

It denotes a condition free from every form of mental and spiritual loss of self

 control.

1. It requires sound judgment in all areas.
2. It doesn’t mean: ‘don’t drink’. It is a discipline that avoids extremes.
3. I sacrifice my control for His control. Does anything control you other than Jesus Christ? **If so, your life will stink!**
4. **A Confident Mind** *Hope to the end*
5. Hope is the only imperative in the verse. A) and B) support C) Hope
6. *Hope* is a confident expectation as opposed to negative effects of everyday living.
7. The hope called for is a personal expectancy which relies on what God has promised He will do! This is not an emotion, but a matter of the will.
8. **A Composed Mind** *Fix your hope completely in grace*
9. The ultimate grace will be when Jesus comes.
10. Fix your hope on grace. God must do it! This is God giving us what we do not deserve. It is His strength, not mine! **If not, your life will stink!**

 ***B. Our Action 14***

Right attitude leads to right action.

1. **Our Focus 14a** *Obedience as obedient children or children of obedience*

**\***This is in the DNA of the new birth. I want to please my Father!

**\***Obedience is expected of children. God is our Father.

**\****Obedience* (doing what God wants you to do when He wants you to do it) and holiness are two sides of the same coin.

 **2. Our Fashion 14b** *No longer fashioned ourselves according to our former strong*

 *desires, but according to the will of God.* **That’s obedience!**

 **\***Too often we look and talk like the world.

 \*We are not living a life of obedience. We are selfish, self-centered, and self

 -indulgent.

 \*Our primary responsibility is to listen to the Father! **If not, your life will stink!**

 How does it work?

 1. Whatever is right (Biblical) don’t merely pray about it...DO IT!

 2. Stop, forsake all that begins and ends with SELF.

 3. Take steps to Stop or Start. Stop living passively...do something about

 it...make plans...work your plan. Live intentional! Adjust your life!

 4. Saturate yourself with God’s Word.

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**II. THE POTENTIAL IN A GARBAGE CAN 1:15-16**

*Holiness...*we can be different. We can be set apart to God and for God.

1. ***The Pattern of Holiness*** *As He who hath called you is holy…*

**1. Our Call** *v. 2 Chosen…Called…Consecrated…Cleansed* We become children

by obedience.

 **\***God did it all. If not we would still be in our lost, hopeless condition.

 **\***Responding by faith our lives were changed.Peter loved the word *called (1:5)*

*called* to be holy *(2:9) called* out of darkness into His marvelous light *(2:21)*

 *called* to suffer *(3:9) called* to inherit *(5:10) called* to His eternal glory.

 *\**He called us before we called on Him!

**2. Our Champion** *He is holy*

 **\***We are like our Father. His is perfect holiness. We are imperfect.

 **\***We are so unlike God, but as His children He want us to be like Him!

 ***B. The Possibility of Holiness*** *So be ye holy*

**1. Is Pointed** *so be* What God is asking is not for a few, but for every believer.

 **2. Is Personal** *you* He is pointing His finger at you and me.

 **3. Is Pure** *holy* It seems like the height is too great. The task is beyond our

 ability. He is prepared to supply all that is necessary so we can do His will. *Fix*

 *your hope completely on grace!* Holiness is not just for the ‘greats’ of the kingdom.

 It is for each of us to be totally set apart to and for God!

 ***C. The Perimeter of Holiness*** *In all manner of life...*

1. **The Totality** *In all*

 *All* means *all* and that is *all* that *all* means.

1. **The Test** *of life*

 **\***There is no such thing as secular and sacred.

 **\***It all belongs to Him. *In whatever you do in word or deed do all to the glory of*

 *God.* If something cannot be done that can bring glory to Him…don’t do it. It’s

 wrong!

 **\***All areas must be set apart to God and for God. Am I a fan or a follower?

***D. The Precept of Holiness 16***

**1. The Word** *It is written*

This is the Word of God (Bible): Learn It…Love It…Live It!

1. **The Way** *Be ye holy for I am holy*

**\***There is only one way we can obey, since there is only one who is God.

**\***It is not by trying harder or legalism (living by a set of rule and regulations). None of us can acquire holiness apart from God and that is by grace.

**\***Holiness becomes ours as we are possessed, controlled by the Holy Spirit**.**

**\***Those who are the most holy (set apart) is the one most yielded to the Holy Spirit.

**\*Holiness is a byproduct of being controlled by the Holy Spirit.** He longs to possess us. He waits for us to yield, surrender totally and obey.

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**To be set apart: we must have Him (salvation) and He must have us (surrender).**

 ***Day by Day, Moment by Moment I need to be filled (controlled, dominated) by the Holy Spirit!***