

Your Role in God's Plan

1 Peter 2:1-8

As you fulfill your role in God's plan...

1. _____ love towards others (vs. 1)

Genuine love requires ridding one's life of *all*:

- A. *malice* - any actions harmful to others. ,
- B. *deceit* - Or *all guile* - to harm others through trickery or falsehood
- C. *hypocrisy* - or *insincerity* - the masking of inward evil by an outward show of righteousness
- D. *envy* (the opposite of thankfulness for good which comes to others),
- E. *slander* - any speech which harms or is intended to harm another person's status, reputation, etc.—

2. _____ Healthy Spiritual Growth (vs. 2-3)

The Milk does not represent elementary Christian teaching. It only represents something that is to be strongly desired for nourishment.

Looking at the context of Peter's statement, most translators and Bible scholars believe that he is referring to the Word of God. Peter gives a strong foundation to the Word of God in 1 Peter 1:23-35.

The use of this word "Pure" is a strong support of the doctrine of Biblical Infallibility - that the Bible is free from any impurity, imperfection, and it cannot deceive or lead astray its readers. The Bible in no way affirms any falsehood.

3. _____ Acceptable Spiritual Offerings (vs. 4-8)

The New Testament identifies spiritual sacrifices as:

- A. Offering up our bodies to God for his service (Romans 12:1)
- B. The Giving of gifts to enable the spread of the Gospel (Philippians 4:8)
- C. The Singing of songs as praise to God (Hebrews 13:15)
- D. The doing of good works (Hebrews 13:16)
- E. The sharing of our possessions (Hebrews 13:16)