

Tighten Your Belt. 1 Peter 1:13-20

1. “Gird up the loins of your mind” means “prepare yourself for living for God so you don’t fall.” Baggy pants will trip you. Loose thoughts and spiritually uncontrolled thoughts will trip you.
2. Your sure and secure salvation will be tested by trials (1:7) and if you don’t gird up the loins of your mind (how you think) you will struggle terribly and fall often in your Christian life.
3. How you think affects how you hold life together.
4. Right thinking is, “I am a sinner saved by grace, fully equipped to serve Christ abundantly NOW and called to do so.
5. You will not win in the moment of trial if you don’t gird up the loins of your mind with Biblical thinking. To win is to glorify Christ in the trials of this life.
6. “Be ye holy in all manner of conversation.” Every moment of every day you are communicating to the world around you that you trust God in your trials or that you don’t trust God in your trials.
7. Verses 18-19. The preciousness of the trial of our faith is connected to the preciousness of the blood of Jesus Christ. They are of unmeasurable value. Fear to live in such a way that lowers their value in your eyes and in the eyes of the world.
8. Jesus was displayed (manifest) in this world for us personally. Therefore, we should deliberately display him to the world.
9. If you are saved prepare and determine to follow Jesus well, Leave your hunger (lust) for this world behind.