One Word:
Holiness!

"Since it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy'" (1 Peter 1:16).

A New Mindset

- *"Prepare your minds for action" (13a).*
  - Our minds must be attuned to God and to His will.
  - We must control *how* we think, *what* we think, and what we think *about*.
  - Sin is a process: first, we *think* it; second, we *dwell* on it; and third, we *do* it.
  - *"If there be any excellence, think on these things" (Phil. 4:8).*

A New Focus

- *"Be self-controlled (sober)" (13b).*
  - Be *"wine-less,"* but also free from anything that clouds your moral and spiritual judgment.
  - Where we lose our focus: *people, books, TV shows, places, movies, websites, relationships, jobs, habits, songs.*
  - We must keep our eyes open and not allow anything to cloud our vision.

A New Goal

- *"Set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (13c).*
  - We set our hope on what truly controls us.
  - Peter says, *"You will see Jesus when he returns; keep your eyes on the prize."*
  - The Lord's coming is our number one motivation for Christian living, sharing the gospel, courage to face life, and strength to reject the world's fads.

A New Lifestyle

- *"As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance" (14).*
  - We will be exactly what we choose to be.
  - When we choose Jesus, we obey Him (Luke 6:46).
  - When we obey, we are clothed with His holiness.
  - *"Do not let the world shape and fashion you!"*
  - We are not conformists, we are *transformists!*

A New Standard

- *"Be holy in all your conduct . . . 'You shall be holy, for I am holy'" (15-16).*
  - God is the essence of holiness, and if we truly love Him, we will strive to be like Him.
  - We bring glory, honor, and credit to Him.
  - We live and serve Him so that those who do not know Him will come to know Him by knowing us.