

## The Christian under pressure

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### Introduction

1. 1 Peter 5:8
2. The Christian is under pressure from all sides 4:13, 15, 16; 3:13, 14, 16, 17; 2:12, 20; 1:7
3. It is how we deal with these pressures that makes a difference
4. A diamond is not formed unless it submits to pressure!
5. From where are we as Christian receiving pressure?

### II Discussion

1. Christians is under pressure to conform to the world
  1. This is a general statement and covers a lot of sins
  2. All sins can be classified into three categories 1 John 2:15-17
  3. We are not to love the world neither the things in this world 1 John 2:15
  4. The world wants us to conform to it 1 Timothy 2:9 (modest)
  5. Our youth are to examples of how all are to be toward God 1 Timothy 4:12
  6. The Bible tells us our position Romans 12:1-2
2. Christians are under pressure to be dishonest
  1. We are to provide things honest in the sight of all men Romans 12:17
  2. We are to think honest things Philippians 4:8
  3. We are to do that which is honest 2 Corinthians 13:7
  4. All who are dishonest have their reward Revelation 21:8
3. Christians are under pressure to compromise the truth
  1. Only the truth will set us free John 8:32
  2. Christ has given us the truth John 17:17
  3. We are to obey the truth 1 Peter 1:22; we encourage all to obey the truth
  4. Some do not love the truth 2 Thessalonians 2:10
  5. Some will not obey the truth Romans 2:8
4. Christians are under pressure to give up the faith
  1. Some will quit 2 Timothy 4:10
  2. Paul had to work hard on his faith 1 Corinthians 9:27
  3. We must endure to the end to be saved Matthew 10:22; Revelation 2:10
5. Christians are under pressure to please men
  1. Paul asked if he should please men Galatians 1:10
  2. Paul again states that we are not to be men pleasers Ephesians 6:5-6
  3. Some preachers are under pressure to please men 2 Timothy 4:1-4
    1. Some will be under pressure to change the truth Acts 4:18-22; 5:28-29
  4. Some love to hear the praises of men John 12:42-43
6. Christians are under pressure to be lukewarm
  1. It is easy to be lukewarm Revelation 3:15-16
  2. We must be either for or against Him Matthew 12:30
  3. No man can serve two masters Matthew 6:24
  4. We are tp be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the Lord 1 Corinthians 15:58

### III Conclusion

1. There is no need to stay under pressure James 4:7
2. Remember we will not be under so much pressure that we must give up 1 Corinthians 10:13
3. There is a reward in surviving under pressure 1 Peter 1:7

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