



This world is not my home.

Inspired Quotes from Early Christians

- **“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ...” Paul in Philippians 3:20**
- **“Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts...” Peter in 1 Peter 2:11**

Non-Inspired Quotes from Early Christians

- **“Since our thoughts are not fixed on the present, we are not concerned when men put us to death.”
(Justin Martyr [middle 2nd Century])**

Non-Inspired Quotes from Early Christians

- **“Brothers, let us willingly leave our sojourn in this present world so we can do the will of Him who called us. And let us not fear to depart out of this world.” (Unknown elder in the early 2nd Century)**

Non-Inspired Quotes from Early Christians

- **“The one peaceful and trustworthy tranquility, the one security that is solid, firm and never changing, is this: for a man to withdraw from the distractions of this world, anchor himself to the firm ground of salvation, and lift his eyes from earth to heaven.”
(Cyprian)**

Abraham, the Pilgrim

- **Hebrews 11:8-10, 14-16, 17-19**
- **His decisions were guided by the fact that he was walking to heaven.**
 1. **Genesis 12:1-5**
 2. **Genesis 13:8, 9**
 3. **Genesis 22:1-12**

Lot, the Citizen and Resident

- **Notice the progression:**
 - **Pitches his tent toward Sodom. 13:12**
 - **Dwelt in Sodom. 14:12**
 - **Had a house (not a tent) in Sodom. 19:2**
 - **Sitting in the gate of Sodom. 19:1**
- **Is the difference in attitudes clear enough?**
- **Do we see how our attitudes help shape our decisions?**

Have You Made This World Your Home?

- **Honestly consider your answer in light of Romans 12:2.**
- **Do you strive to live a holy life? 1 Peter 1:13-17**
- **Do you dress like those around you? 1 Tim. 2:9, 10**
- **Have your views on premarital sex or the practice of homosexuality “evolved”? Hebrews 13:4; 1 Cor. 6:9, 10**
- **Does society dictate how you view roles in marriage? Ephesians 5:22-33**

Have You Made This World Your Home?

- **Has your pastime taken up a primetime pedestal in your life?**
- **Are you bowing down at the altar of materialism? Have you become a slave to things and stuff?**
- **Are we more concerned with the affairs of an earthly kingdom than God's? Matt. 6:33; Luke 2:49**

From Resident to Alien

- **Think of heaven more often.**
- **Identify people who think and talk about spiritual things and then make an effort to spend time with them.**
- **Be willing to make sacrifices.**
- **See this world as what it is: a temporary place of joy and suffering.**

Conclusion

- **1 Peter 2:11**
- **Colossians 3:1, 2**