



"Living In Light of Jesus' Second Coming"

1 Peter 4:7-11
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The Big Idea: As Christians of any generation look around; we are reminded to live with awareness that Jesus' **return** is imminent. That reality demands a particular set of **responses** from Christians in God's church.

1 Peter 4:7-11 (ESV)

4 ⁷ **The end** of all things is at hand;

therefore **be self-controlled and sober-minded** for the sake of your **prayers**.

⁸ Above all, **keep loving one another earnestly**, since **love covers a multitude of sins**.

⁹ **Show hospitality** to one another **without grumbling**.

THE CONTEXT IN WHICH WE LIVE:

Jesus is coming back soon.

- ✓ His coming is **certain**. [John 14:3]
- ✓ No one, not even the **Son**, knows the time. [Mark 13:32-37]
- ✓ We need to be **ready** to meet Him
- ✓ We need to engage in the things that **please** God and make a difference

→ Peter uses the language of Jesus – Mark 14:41

1. **Pray** With Self-Control and Seriousness

→ In a bit of irony, the one who knows what it's like to fail at prayer, calls us to pray.
1 Peter 5:8

→ Pray, because your very existence as a Christian means you are involved in a spiritual battle. (Eph. 6)

2. **Love** Each Other Deeply

- "earnestly"
- "love covers a multitude of sin"
- 1 Corinthians 13
- Truth without love is **brutality**. Love without truth is mere **sentimentality**.

3. Show **Hospitality** Without Grumbling

- The biggest single barrier to hospitality is confusing it with **entertaining**.
- "without grumbling" – the implication of this is that I can be obedient to a command of God, yet do it in a way that **displeases** God.

¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to **serve one another**, as good **stewards of God's varied grace**:

4. Faithfully **Serve** One Another With Grace
→ Peter's argument for service is that it is actually a matter of **stewardship**!

Barriers to service:

- GIFT-**ENVY** – "I want to be you."
- GIFT-**PROJECTION** – "I want you to be me."
- GIFT-**OBSESSION** – "I'll help out when I figure out what my gift is."

¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies

—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

v. 11 – Peter gives 2 examples, with the principle being: serve one another with **what** God gave you, but as though you were doing it for **Him** – because you are!

→ Now, we get to the bottom line of Peter's words: "When we choose to not only do the right things, but do them in the right spirit with the right attitudes, God is **glorified**, Jesus is **noticed** and all the praise goes to God!"

DOING YOUR PART IN YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

1. If God gave you advance notice of how much **time** you had left, what would change in your life?
2. Do you faithfully, seriously **pray** for fellow believers?
3. As you express love to others, is it leading you to grant **forgiveness**, grace, mercy and **second**-chances?
4. Do you **freely** welcome others into your life and home with **joy**?
5. Do you **serve** the Body of Christ (His Church)?
6. Is your life causing people to notice & glorify God?