

**LIVING TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN
THE TIME WE HAVE LEFT**



OUTLINE ... (1 Peter 4:7-11)

1) To live for the will of God to the glory of God, we must believe God when he tells us that the end of the world is coming soon 4:7a.

- (1 Peter 4:7a NLT) **The end of the world is coming soon.**

Beware the scoffers ...

- (2 Peter 3:1-4 ESV) This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, 2 that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, 3 knowing this first of all, **that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. 4 They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming?"** For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation."
- (2 Peter 3:8-10 ESV) But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord **one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.** 9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 10 **But the day of the Lord will come** like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.
- (Romans 13:11-12 ESV) Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. 12 The night is far gone; **the day is at hand.** So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.
- (Hebrews 10:23-25 ESV) Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the

habit of some, but encouraging one another, **and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.**

- (James 5:7-9 ESV) Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. 8 You also, be patient. **Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.** 9 Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.
 - (1 John 2:18-19 ESV) **Children, it is the last hour,** and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.
 - (Philippians 4:4-7 ESV) Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. **The Lord is at hand;** 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
 - (Revelation 1:3 ESV) Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, **for the time is near.**
 - (Revelation 22:10 ESV) And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, **for the time is near.**"
- ### **2) If we believe that the end of the world is near, then that reality will shape and form the direction and substance of our lives, 4:7-11a.**
- (1 Peter 4:7-11 NIV) The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. 8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love

covers over a multitude of sins. 9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

- (1 Peter 1:13 NIV) Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you **when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.**
- (Colossians 3:4 NLT) And **when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world,** you will share in all his glory.
- (2 Thessalonians 1:10 NLT) **When he comes on that day,** he will receive glory from his holy people—praise from all who believe. And this includes you, for you believed what we told you about him.
- (Hebrews 9:27–28 NLT) And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment, 28 so also Christ was offered once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. **He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him.**
- (Matthew 24:12–14 NLT) Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold. **13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.** 14 And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.

A) Living with the end in mind brings sober-mindedness and discipline to our prayer life, 4:7.

- (1 Peter 4:7 ESV) The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.
- (Deuteronomy 8:15–16 ESV) [The

LORD your God] Who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, 16 who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end.

B) Living with the end in mind allows us to see past the pettiness—read selfishness and meanness—of our brothers and sisters in Christ and love each other deeply by squelching/covering these sins of strife and offense in our fellowship, 4:8.

- (1 Peter 4:8 NIV) Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.
- (Proverbs 10:11–14 ESV) **The mouth of the righteous** is a fountain of life, but **the mouth of the wicked** conceals violence. 12 **Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses.** 13 **On the lips of him who has understanding,** wisdom is found, but a rod is for the back of him who lacks sense. 14 The wise lay up knowledge, but **the mouth of a fool brings ruin near.**
- (1 Peter 3:8–11 ESV) Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. 9 Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. 10 For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, **let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit;** 11 let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it.

C) Living with the end in mind we eagerly and joyfully welcome the opportunity to

help our brothers and sisters along the way, 4:9.

- (1 Peter 4:9 NIV) Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

D) Living with the end in mind we will be faithful stewards of the grace God has given us, 4:10.

- (1 Peter 4:10 NIV) Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

E) If God has gifted us to speak, then when we live with the end in mind, we will speak the very words of God, 4:11a.

- (1 Peter 4:11a NIV) If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God.

F) If God has gifted us to serve, then when we live with the end in mind, we will serve with the strength of God, 4:11b.

- (1 Peter 4:11b NIV) If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides.

3) If we believe that the end of the world is near, then we will serve others in the context of the glory and power of God to the praise of God, 4:11.

- (1 Peter 4:10–11 ESV) As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 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.

