

UNITY IN UNIQUENESS: Standing in the Middle 1 Peter 4:1–11

Key Scriptures:

Proverbs 24:17	Romans 13:11	Matthew 24:36
Proverbs 10:12	1 Peter 3:15	James 5:20
Colossians 3:23-24	1 Corinthians 10:31	Ephesians 4:11-13

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Last week we began this series discussing different positions within the congregation that we fill, namely **in front of** (those we most readily see, like pastors, teachers, musicians, worship leaders, etc.), **behind** (experienced persons who provide support, wisdom or mentoring), or **in the middle** (where much of the action happens, like positions we fill, programs we work, people we connect with, tasks we complete, and so many others). But **why** - why add one more thing to an already daunting schedule? Today we see what Peter says about this.

WHY WE DO THE WORK WE DO AT CODORUS:

1. Our work is based on _____.

1 Peter 4:1 NIV
Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin.

2. Our work is based on _____.

1 Peter 4:4 NIV
They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living...

3. Our work is based on _____.

1 Peter 4:7 NIV
The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray.

4. Our work is based on _____ for _____.

1 Peter 4:8 NIV
Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

5. Our work is based on _____ for _____.

1 Corinthians 10:31 NIV
So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

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CHALLENGE:

As you learn more about these three positions, consider where you fit!

