

The Life and Times of Peter – Living With Urgency

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Bible Text Used

1 Peter 4:7–11ⁱ

Living with Urgency

Pastor Mike reminded us that Peter, writing near the end of his life, urged believers to live with the awareness that Christ could return at any time. Life is fragile, and time is precious. We should not waste it, but live each day as if it were our last. Peter calls us to live with focus, seriousness, and prayerful watchfulness.

Reflection Question: How would you live differently if you truly believed today could be your last?

The Power of Prayer

Prayer is the greatest time management tool God gives us. It redeems our time, aligns us with His will, and provides supernatural strength to face each day. Peter calls us to be serious and watchful in prayer, making it the foundation of all we do.

Reflection Question: In what ways can you make prayer a greater priority in your daily routine?

Love Above All

Peter teaches that 'love covers a multitude of sins.' Love is not just sentiment—it requires action, forgiveness, and a readiness to extend grace even when wronged. True discipleship means loving God deeply and loving others fervently, especially within the church family.

Reflection Question: Who in your life do you need to show grace and love to this week?

Serving with Our Gifts

Every believer has been given a spiritual gift by the Holy Spirit. These gifts are not for our own benefit, but for building up the body of Christ. Whether visible or behind the scenes, every gift matters. Using them faithfully brings glory to God and strengthens the church.

Reflection Question: What spiritual gift has God given you, and how can you use it to serve others?

Living for God's Glory

The ultimate purpose of managing our time, loving others, and using our gifts is that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. Christians are not called to live in fear but in faith, love, and service, knowing that perfect love casts out fear. We long to hear Him say, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'

Reflection Question: How can you intentionally live this week in a way that brings glory to God?

ⁱ *"The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:*

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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.” (1 Peter 4:7–11, ESV)