



Running Clock || Pastor Chris Johnson

The running clock in a game doesn't matter much until you get close to the end, then it becomes a big deal.

When we read scripture we realize that the clock is still running in relation to scripture

1 Peter 4:1-11

Peter is making distinction between the flesh 👤 and the spirit 🖤

There is more to us than just the flesh

Life and death in the flesh

AND

Life and death in the spirit (we can't ignore this, but often we do)

A spirit that is alive is a spirit surrendered to Jesus

On the other hand

🤚 A spirit that is dead is not following Jesus

What you do in the flesh will determine what you do in the Spirit

Your Physical life is limited, the clock will run out, vs 2

It's time to live with some HOLY URGENCY

4 Ways to Elevate Your Urgency:

Urgency Toward Sin

"It's amazing how quickly we can adjust to the darkness." - story about turning the lights on in a dark room \cite{Q}

It's amazing how quickly we adjust to the sinfulness/darkness going on all around us

Vs. 3

We learn how to function effectively in the dark instead of being intentional about righteousness/living in the light

Peter talks about cultural things but you have to deal with it through a personal level... through ourselves.

2 urgency for the lost

Sometimes an unintended consequence of living different from the lost is that we could possibly grow to disdain the lost!

We don't agree with the use lifestyle but we are CALLED TO operate in love, compassion, kindness and patience toward them.

The lost will often judge you but one day God is going to judge them. We need to pause here-does this comfort us or concern us? !?

3Urgency for Christ

When you are coming down to the last minutes, the thing that matters most is what's happening right now.

Eternity is what matters most right now. We must elevate our urgency for Christ.

Vs. 7 be sober minded and self controlled

Are we passionate about these things?

4 Urgency for the church

Vs. 8-11 It's all about Jesus We need each other, we can't do this on our own

Use your gifts for the body of Christ

The clock is running, so the things that matter most matter now.