

Pastor Keith Krell | November 21, 2021

1 Peter 4:7-11 | “In-N-Out Church”

Sermon Application Review from 1 Peter 3:13–4:6

How have you suffered justly this past week (3:13–22)?

How have you made a defense for your hope with gentleness and reverence (3:15)?

How have you remembered to “arm yourself” this past week (4:1)?

Scripture References

1 Peter 4:7–11

Romans 13:11–14

James 5:8–9

John 13:34–35

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

Philippians 2:14–16

Romans 12:1–8

Study Questions

1. How often do you think about the nearness of Christ’s return (1 Peter 4:7a)? Does the reality of Christ’s imminent (i.e., any moment) coming motivate you in your relationships? Are you serving more intentionally and vigorously knowing that Christ could return in your lifetime (see 4:10–11)? If not, what is keeping you from being more involved at CBC?
2. What are the distractions, anxieties, or scheduling demands that are pushing prayer out of your life (1 Peter 4:7b)? How important are these preoccupations in light of eternity? What are your prayer goals for 2022? Who can help you accomplish these goals? Set a 2022 prayer goal if you don’t have one, and then ask someone to hold you accountable.
3. What person(s) at CBC are you struggling to love (1 Peter 4:8)? How can you fervently (“strain, stretch”) love this person? If necessary, will you consciously choose to forgive this person if he/she has sinned against you? Will you then seek to cover this believer’s transgressions and reputation?
4. Are you a hospitable person (1 Peter 4:9)? Why or why not? Who did you extend hospitality to in 2021? What were the results of your investment? How can you grow in your hospitality in 2022? In what ways can you partner with other believers to offer hospitality to more people?
5. Have you identified the gift(s) God has given you (1 Peter 4:10–11)? What have you done with these gifts? In what ways are you using your gift(s) for His glory? Who have you helped along the way? Is CBC better and stronger because you are here? How can you fan into flame your passion for service this year?

Recommended Books

E. M. Bounds, *The Complete Works of Prayer* (Baker, 1990)
Ronald Dunn, *Don’t Just Stand There Pray Something* (Thomas Nelson, 1991)
W. Bingham Hunter, *The God Who Hears* (InterVarsity, 1986)
Brother Lawrence, *The Practice of the Presence of God* (Whitaker House, 1982)
Alexander Strauch, *The Hospitality Commands* (Lewis & Roth, 1993)
Jerry Bridges, *True Community* (NavPress, 2012)
Donald Whitney, *Spiritual Disciplines within the Church* (Moody, 1996)
Sam Storms, *The Beginner’s Guide to Spiritual Gifts* (Regal, 2013)