

AmB FOLLOWERS?

1 Peter 4:7-11

SURFACE BIBLE: RULES/REGULATIONS

DEEP BIBLE: PURPOSE + PROMISE ATTACHED TO COMMAND... FOR LIFE.

SIGNS OF LIFE

OUR LIFE, OUR CALLING

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LIFE IS MARKED BY CASTING OFF THE WRONG AND PURSUING THE RIGHT

1 Peter 4:7 - *The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.*

END

GOD PATIENT, BUT READY

RELIEF (END OF SUFFERING)

+
URGENCY (WORK TO DO)

SELF-CONTROL/SOBER

Matthew Henry - The right ordering of the body is of great use to promote the good of the soul. When the appetites and inclination of the body are restrained and governed by God's word and true reason, and the interests of the body are submitted to the interests and necessities of the soul, then it is not the soul's enemy, but its friend and helper.

- MORE THAN SUBSTANCES - ALL LIFE
- DON'T LOOK LEFT + RIGHT, ASK GOD.

"WHAT HAVE YOU ASKED OF ME?"

WIM

PRAYERS

COMMON.

FOR STRENGTH + SERVICE.

Luke 21:34-36 - "But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

SIGNS... ARE YOU LIVING?

LIFE IS MARKED BY RECEIVING AND GIVING PRACTICAL LOVE

1 Peter 4:8-9 - *Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.*

ABOVE ALL

IMPORTANCE OF
LOVING ONE ANOTHER

WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT
TO YOU INTERNALLY?

LOVE

EAGERNESS - EFFORT, INTENTION!

COURT - AGREEMENT GRACE,
ALIGNS W/ GOSPEL

Matthew 6:14-15 - "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

HOSPITALITY Strangers

- ALL OF LIFE
- NO GRUMBING - ♥ BEHIND.

Romans 12:13 - Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

GOD DOESN'T GRUMBLE TOWARDS US.

SIGNS... ARE YOU LIVING?

LIFE IS MARKED BY RIGHTLY MOTIVATED SERVICE

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

USE GIFTS (V.10)

• STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE

• USE WHAT YOU HAVE!

• NO COMPARISON

• WHAT WOULD THIS
LOOK LIKE...
ALL GIVING?

EXCELLENT USE (V.11A)

• SPEAK, AS ORACLES =
GOD'S WORDS.

• SERVES = IN GOD'S STRENGTH.

• DO YOU USE YOUR GIFTS THE
WAY YOU WANT OR THE WAY
GOD INTENDS?

GOD'S GLORY (V.11B)

• Jesus mediates blessing + praise ↑

• Greatest motivation, should
be heart's desire

Matthew 5:16 - "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Hebrews 13:15-16 - Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

SIGNS... ARE YOU LIVING?