

## Christian Exhortations

I Peter 4:7–11

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ in Prayer

I Peter 4:7

2. Have Fervent \_\_\_\_\_ for One Another

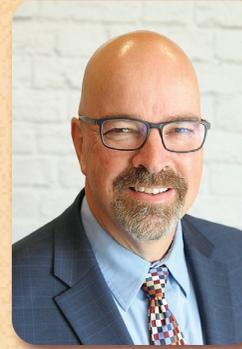
I Peter 4:8

3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ without Grumbling

I Peter 4:9

4. Use Your Abilities to \_\_\_\_\_

I Peter 4:10–11



We are glad you have joined us today to worship. We want you to know that we have prayerfully planned this time together and that we do “church” on purpose.

Our mission is to **reach** people with the gospel message of Jesus Christ, **teach** people to become devoted disciples of His, **equip** people for acts of service, and **send** them into ministry.

As you join us today, we ask that you, also be intentional in your worship of God and purposefully focus on your relationship with Him.

God Bless you as we follow Him together. — Dr. Steven A. Crane

## Group Questions

**Opening:** What is the best gift you have ever given to someone?  
What was their reaction when they opened it?  
How did their response make you feel?

### Read 1 Peter 4:7–11

1. Why is it important for Christians to be self-controlled and sober-minded?  
What can happen when we are not self-controlled or sober-minded?
2. What kind of things do self-controlled and sober-minded people pray for?  
Does this describe your prayer life?
3. Read Matthew 26:40–41. Why did Peter need to watch and pray?  
How do you think this experience influenced Peter’s admonition in 1 Peter?
4. What does it mean to love one another earnestly?  
How does this kind of love cover a multitude of sins?  
How have you experienced this kind of love (either giving it or receiving it) in your life?
5. What kind of hospitality is Peter commanding his readers to show to each other?  
What does grumbling do to our hospitality?  
Read Matthew 25:34–40. What does Jesus say about hospitality?
6. What are we expected to do with the gifts God gives us? Why?  
What does it mean to be a steward of God’s grace?  
How might we misuse our gifts?

### Read Matthew 5:15

7. How is God glorified when we serve one another with our gifts?  
What happens if we hide our gifts?
8. Share your main take away from this discussion?

### My Pledge:

I will use my gifts and abilities to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace. I will do it with the strength God provides, without grumbling, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

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