

“How to handle yourself at the end of the world”

1 Peter 4:7-11

God brings dead men to life through the power of the Gospel

The NT plainly teaches that we are living in the last days.

(Matthew 24:36–44)

Jesus inaugurated the last days with his ministry, death, and resurrection.

(1 Corinthians 10:11, Hebrews 10:23–25, 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11, 1 John 2:18)

The nearness of the end is a motivating factor for Christians.

How not to act when you know that the end is near

1. Out of your mind and self-reliant
2. Selfishly unforgiving
3. Selfishly resentful
4. Selfishly showing-off

You might be out of your mind and selfishly out of control if...

1. You are focused in what you deserve and what you can do
2. You talk about your personal accomplishments more than the needs or deeds of others.
3. You can't admit your own sins without bringing up the sins of others, or you can't let go of what others have done
4. You serve under your own strength and bring attention to yourself rather than to God.

How to act when you know that the end is near

1. Like an ordinary Christian

The problem is that we have allowed something other than Biblical Christianity to take the place of normal in the kingdom of God.

2. **Sincerely and purposefully love for the good of others and the glory of God.**

(Proverbs 10:12, 1 Corinthians 13:4–7)

3. **Show sacrificial hospitality for the sake of the mission**

4. **Be a good steward with your service for the sake of God's glory in the lives of others.**

When you know the end is near, follow Jesus

Make the extraordinary the new ordinary, and live like Jesus is coming back, because He is!