

NOTES: 1 Peter 4:7-11 | Alert to God's Work
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We perceive and remember only those objects and details that receive focused attention.

Question: What is our attention focused on?

Our attentiveness to God will determine our effectiveness in God's mission.

We must be alert to God's work in the world.

To be alert to God's good work in the world, we must first recognize:

1. Our God is living and active
 - a. Universal level
 - b. Individual level
2. Our God sees
3. Our God gives
4. Our God partners
5. Our God rejoices

v7 "The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray..."

God has already begun, in Jesus, the process of cosmic renewal.

We are called to live with a heightened sense of eternal values.

1 Peter 4.3 *"You have already spent enough time in doing what the gentiles like to do..."*

- We now live with eternal values defined by Christ

Prayer = Uncluttered connection and communication with the Lord.

v8 "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins..."

A distinct Christian social ethic is the embodiment of love.

v9 “Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling...”

You can't be a witness without “with”-ness.

v10 “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.”

“The right and successful application of all gifts depends not on the individual’s natural abilities but on God working in and through the believer...” - Norman Hillyer (NT Scholar)

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How do we stay alert to God’s good work in the world?

1. Accept the fact that Jesus sees you and poured out his love for you.
2. Identify the clutter that distracts you from the work of God.
3. Reflect on the hospitality and love that has been shown to you.
4. Pray and ask God to recalibrate your eyes to see those you have failed to notice.
5. Pray and ask God to reveal the gifts he has given you.
6. Ask, Where are you serving?
7. Rejoice in the good work God is doing in the world.

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