

Spiritual Gifts

Ministering in Difficult Times (1 Pet. 4:7-11)

The Believer and Difficult Times

Difficult times demand a renewed commitment to the Christian fellowship and to Christian service!

The Background of 1 Peter

- Its Author
- Its Recipients
- Its Circumstance
- Its Message

The Context of 1 Peter 4:7-11

- The Believer's Expected Suffering (4:1-19)
 - The Purpose of Our Suffering (4:1-6)
 - The Service in Our Suffering (4:7-11)
 - The Reward for Our Suffering (4:12-19)

- I. Christian Expectation (4:7a)
 - end intended purpose (expected result); aftermath (consequence)
- II. Christian Fellowship (4:7b-9)
 - A. A Praying Community (4:7b)
 - 1. The Disposition of Prayer (4:7b₁₋₇)
 - sound judgement clear-mindedness, sensibility, seriousness
 - sober unaffected by wine
 - 2. The Practice of Prayer (4:7b₈₋₁₂)
 - prayer the sacred act
 - B. A Loving Community (4:8)
 - 1. The Priority of Love (4:8a₁₋₂)
 - 2. The Intensity of Love (4:8a₃₋₁₀)
 - fervent stretch out
 - 3. The Purpose of Love (4:8b)
 - cover hide, conceal
 - C. A Hospitable Community (4:9)
 - 1. The Act of Hospitality (4:9₁₋₅)
 - hospitable (philoxenos) friendly love towards strangers
 - 2. The Disposition of Hospitality (4:9₆₋₇)

- complaint to speak in hushed tones, to mummer
- III. Christian Ministry (4:10-11)
 - A. The Ubiquity of Its Provision (4:10a)
 - B. The Determination of Its Practice (4:10b-c)
 - 1. Its Intent (4:10b)
 - employ...serving to humble serve or help, to take care of
 - 2. Its Responsibility (4:10c)
 - good healthy, beautiful, attractive, good morally
 - C. The Design of Its Practice (4:11)
 - 1. Done in Dependency (4:11a-b)
 - utterances speaking
 - strength ability
 - supplies provide for
 - 2. Done for God's Glory (4:11c-d)