

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

1 Peter 4:1-11



WE ARE TO BE ARMED WITH CHRIST'S MIND

**Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh,
arm yourselves with the same way of thinking,**

1 PETER 4:1

**Christ's mindset toward suffering should become
our weapon against sin and worldliness.**

**Christ's mind saw suffering not as meaningless pain,
but as purposeful preparation.**

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**for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,
1 PETER 4:1**

**When we suffer with Christ's mindset,
we break free from sin's control over us.**



WHEN WE EMBRACE SUFFERING WITH CHRIST'S MINDSET:

- WE FIND THAT GOD'S GRACE IS SUFFICIENT.**
- WE LEARN THAT JOY DOESN'T DEPEND ON CIRCUMSTANCES.**
- WE REALIZE THAT OUR IDENTITY ISN'T TIED TO COMFORT.**

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1 PETER 4:2-3



**When we're armed with Christ's mind,
we become dangerous to these old patterns of living.**

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Sensuality - Aselgeia - unbridled indulgence, living without moral restraint

Drunkenness - Methus - being controlled by substances

Drinking parties - Potos - social gatherings centered in excess

Lawless idolatry - Athemitos Eidololatria - unlawful worship of false gods

Human passions drive us to find life, meaning, and satisfaction in created things rather than in our Creator.



With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you;

1 PETER 4:4

**There's a higher court than public opinion,
a great authority than cultural pressure.**

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I PETER 4:7-8

God's ultimate purposes are being worked out, history is moving toward its climax, and in light of this reality, we need to live differently.

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Your best efforts of correction will come through affection, not calculations, estimations, or condemnation.

GOD'S WORD IMPLORES US TO BE ARMED FOR SERVICE

Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. 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.

1 PETER 4:9-11

The word “hospitality” here is “philoxenos” - literally “love of strangers”.

**God's grace comes to us in many different forms,
and He expects us to pass it on in many different ways.**

SPEAKING GIFTS AND SERVING GIFTS

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Speak “as one who speaks oracles of God”

Oracles - “Logia” - the very words of God

**Our words are to carry the weight
and authority of God’s truth.**

SERVING GIFTS

Serve “by the strength that God supplies”

**Strength - “Ischus” - power, might,
the ability to accomplish something**

**We’re not serving in our own power,
we’re serving in God’s power.**

WHAT’S THE GOAL?

“In order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.”

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**The world wants to arm you with outrage, materialism,
frustration, and self-protection.**

But God wants to arm you with Christ's mind, His love, and His power.