

“What to do when the end is near.” 1 Peter 4:7-11

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1 Peter 4:7-11 “The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer. ⁸ Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaint. ¹⁰ As each one has received a special gift employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. ¹¹ Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

Luke 12:40 “You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

John 14:1-3 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you may be where I am.”

Acts 1:11 "Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

#1 Keep your mind clear so you can pray clearly

1 Peter 4:7 “...therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer”

“The end is near so stay cool, calm and collected so you can pray. And I’ll be praying for you.”

#2 Keep your compassion strong

1 Peter 4:8 “Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.”

#3 Keep your heart and home open

Peter 4:9 “Be hospitable to one another without complaint.”

1 Peter 1:1 “From Peter, apostle of Jesus Christ—To God’s chosen people who live as refugees scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. (GNT)

#4 Keep your service God honoring

1 Peter 4:10-11 “As each one has received a special gift employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. ¹¹ Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

“I am only one, but I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something. The something I ought to do, I can do. And by the grace of God, I will.” Edward Everett Hale