

SERVING IN THE LAST DAYS

1 Peter 4:7-11

INTRODUCTION:

“The end of all things is at hand” (Near) – is the belief in the imminent return of Christ. Therefore, Believers are to live in a state of readiness at all times.

- **“Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh” (Matt 24:44).**

Because time is short, Peter gives us our first mandate: We must Stay Alert and Pray.

- I. **STAY ALERT AND PRAY** (v. 7)
 - A. **Be Clear-Minded** (1 Thess 5:6)
 - B. **Watch The Times**
 - C. **Guard Your Prayers** (Luke 8:14)

Staying Alert in Prayer prepares our hearts for the second mandate: Love One Another, Deeply.

- II. **LOVE ONE ANOTHER, DEEPLY** (v. 8)
 - A. **Make Loving One Another A Priority** (Matt 22:37-39)
 - B. **Stretch Your Grace** (Eph 4:2)
 - C. **Choose To Forgive** (Prov 10:12)

True Love cannot stay invisible; it opens doors and welcomes people cheerfully, which leads to our third mandate: Practice Generosity With A Glad Heart.

- III. **PRACTICE GENEROSITY WITH A GLAD HEART** (v. 9)
 - A. **Open Your Home**
 - B. **Guard Your Attitude** (Heb 12:2; 13:2)

Hospitality opens the door to our lives which leads to our fourth mandate: Use Your Gifts.

- IV. **USE YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS** (v. 10)
 - A. **Every Believer has at least one Spiritual Gift.**
 - B. **Serve One Another**
 - C. **Serve Using God’s Strength** (Zech 4:6)

While using our Spiritual Gifts to serve others, Peter gives us our fifth mandate: Give God the Glory.

- V. **GIVE GOD THE GLORY** (v. 11; 1 Cor 10:31)
 - A. **Speak His Words** (2 Tim 4:2; Col 4:6)
 - B. **Lean On His Power** (Phil 4:13; Col 1:29)
 - C. **Point To His Praise** (Matt 5:16; John 3:30)

CONCLUSION:

- A. **The end of all things is near, and the clock is ticking.**
- B. **“I will praise the Lord according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the Lord most high” (Ps 7:17).**
- C. **Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)**

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“...the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).