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**1 Peter – “A Living Hope”**

**Session 15**

**1 Peter 4:7-11 (NKJV)**

**“Time to get serious”**

Though we have victory in Christ, we still face serious battles in this life; especially in these crazy days. We are much closer to **“the end of all things”** than when Peter wrote this Epistle. How much more important for us then, to be **“serious and watchful”** in our walk? Peter gives us wise counsel on how we should conduct ourselves based on the knowledge that we could be face to face with God in the blink of an eye. If the end could come at any moment, how then should we be living? What should be our priorities; our focus? This is what Peter wants to reveal to us in this week’s passage.

**Personal Study Time Questions:**

**Scripture: 1 Peter 4:7**

Peter has been showing us the value in suffering for the cause of Christ rather than for sinful conduct. And he has shown us there is victory in following Christ in this. But he gives us a warning that should cause us to get serious about this life of following Christ. What is that warning? Based on that, what does he tell us to do?

**Scripture: 1 Peter 4:8**

What does Peter tell us we should be doing **“above all things”**? What is gained by doing this?

**Scripture: 1 Peter 4:9; 2 Corinthians 9:7**

What should be absent from the hospitality we are to show others as a part of loving them fervently? How does Paul express this idea in 2 Corinthians?

**Scripture: 1 Peter 4:10**

Another way to express fervent love for one another is by using the gifts God has given us for the benefit of others. What are we being when we do so?

**Scripture: 1 Corinthians 4:1-2**

What quality do we show when we are “*good stewards*” of the gifts and the grace God has given us?

**Scripture: 1 Peter 4:11**

Who is the center of attention in the life of a believer who is being serious and watchful in their prayers, and using their gifts to minister to others? What are the three ways this verse expresses that?

**Personal Application:**

So are you one who is serious about his walk with God? Take stock of your own life and ask yourself if you are doing the things this passage talks about. Are you attentive to your prayer life? Are there people in your life that you are loving with the love of God? Are you a joyful giver or are you grudgingly hospitable? Are you using the gift or gifts God has given you to minister to others? If you are doing these things, can you honestly say you are doing them for the glory of God?

**Hiding God's Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):**

“But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins.”

1 Peter 4:7-8