



LIVING WELL IN THE END TIMES

1 Peter 4:1-11

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BIG IDEA: Whether it is the End Times or the end of our time, we will have victory by swimming upstream, staying alert, and serving with our spiritual gifts.

To live well in the end times, swim upstream.

¹ Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. ² As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. ³ For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. ⁴ They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you.

To live well in the end times, be alert and stay connected.

⁷ The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. ⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

To live well in the end times, practice your spiritual gifts.

¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Three Types of Spiritual Gifts:

Serving Gifts: Helps (Service), hospitality, admin., mercy, etc.

Speaking Gifts: preaching, teaching, evangelism, etc.

Sign Gifts: healing, prophecy, tongues, etc.

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(v 1-5)



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1 Peter 4:1-2a

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1 Peter 4:2b-3

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1 Peter 4:4-5

For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to human standards in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit.

1 Peter 4:6

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1 Peter 4:4

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(v 10-11)



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1 Peter 4:10-11a

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1 Peter 4:11b

