

1 Peter 4:1-11

1. 4:1 Should Christians anticipate suffering in their lives? Why?
 - a. How will you “arm” yourself for any such suffering?
2. 4:3 Have you ever done any of these things?
 - a. Is it time for you also to move on from these to something better?
3. 4:4 If you quit these abominations, will there be people who are surprised at you?
 - a. How will you handle it when they are surprised at you?
 - b. Will they also “malign” you because you no longer join them?
 - c. How will they do this?
 - b. How will you handle it when they try to coax you back into former lifestyles?
4. 4:5 To whom will they give account for their behavior?
 - a. To whom will you give account?
 - b. If you return to that lifestyle, how will you give account?
5. 4:7 Do you believe that the end of all things is near? Why?
 - a. How near is it?
 - b. What should such a realization do for our lifestyle and behavior?
 - c. Where does “sound judgment fit in”?
 - d. Explain a “sober spirit”.
 - e. Where does prayer fit in, in your life?
6. 4:8 How does fervent love for one another fit in here?
 - a. What is the motive for such fervent love?
 - b. Is this to benefit you or others?
 - c. Does love cover your sins or their sins?
7. 4:9 To whom do you generally complain when you have to be hospitable to someone; to them or to someone else?
 - a. Give an illustration of such a complaint.
 - b. What is wrong with such complaining as long as you are doing it?
 - c. Do your kids ever hear you complain about doing acts of loving service? What effect does this have on them?
8. 4:10 What do you think is your special gift?
 - a. Do you see any around who are not using the special gift God has bestowed upon them?
 - b. What will you do about this?
9. 4:11 Does this describe your speech in the place you work, or would “like the Devil” describe you talk there today better? What will you do?
 - a. What would it do for our service efforts if we understood it was “by the strength which God supplies”?
 - b. Do you really believe your service efforts are by God’s strength?
 - c. What holds you back from serving more fully and actively?
 - d. Are you willing to suffer to serve and glorify Christ?
10. Are the commands in verses 7-11 just to see how tough we are, or are they really for our benefit also in some way?