

ARMING YOURSELVES FOR THE END

1 Peter 4:1-19

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Hoplizo (gk) 'to take up weapons in preparation for battle' Rom.6:13; 13:12; 2 Cor.6:7; 10:4

It's about ATTITUDE! Phil. 2:5 Arm yourself with ATTITUDE!

Live not for Human Desires, but for the will of God (2)

Epithumia (gk) 'strong desire or lust' 1 Pet.1:14; 2:11; Gal.5:17; Rom.13:14; Ja.1:14,15

Theleema (gk) 'will (of God)' Matt.12:50 Nee-"Obedience to the will of God is the greatest demand of the Bible."

I) Arm Yourself with a right attitude concerning sin. (v1-6)

- A) Dead to Sin (1) 1Pet. 2:24; Rom.6:2-11; Gal.5:24; 2:20; Col. 3:3; 2:20
- B) We have already wasted too much time on sin. (3) Rom.6:21; 1Pet.1:9,10; Eph.2:1-3
Now a new creation, 2 Cor.5:17; Gal.6:15; Eph.2:15; 4:24
REMEMBER THE DOG AND HIS VOMIT! 2Pet.2:18-22
- C) They think it strange you don't run with them and so they malign you. (4) Matt.24:9; Matt.10:16-23
- D) All will give an account to God. (5,6) Matt.12:36; Rom.14:12; 2Cor.5:10
- E) Jesus will judge all. John 5:22; Act 10:42;17:31; Rom. 2:16

II) Arm Yourself with a right attitude concerning service (7-11) Phil.2:5-11; Eph.2:8-10

- A) A right attitude about prayer. (7)
Sober – *sophromeo (gk) 'free of intoxicants' TITUS 2:12; 2Tim.1:7*
Watchful – *Nepo (gk) 'alert, on guard, attentive; 1Pet.1:13;4:7;5:8*
Remember Peter asleep in the garden, Matt.26:40,41!
Col. 4:2,12 S.D. Gordon - "You can do more for God after you have prayed, but you can do no more for God until you have prayed."
- B) A right attitude about Love (8) 1Pet.1:22; 2:7;3:8; 2Pet.1:7; 1Cor.13:1-3'13; Col.3:14,19; Eph.5:2; 1John 2:10; 2Thes 4:9,10
- C) A right attitude about serving.
 - 1. Hospitality – Let God use your stuff! Rom.12:13; Heb.13:1,2; Matt.10:40-42
 - 2. Helps – Phil. 2:25; 2Tim.1:16; 1Cor.12:12-24,28
 - 3. Speaking (11) Oracles of God

(Testimony of Jim McGloughlan "Thank you")

WE ARE STEWARDS OF THE MANIFOLD GRACE OF GOD. *Oikonomos (gk) 'over a house'. Like Joseph!* Must be faithful and will give an account – 1Cor.4:1,2; Titus 1:7; 1Cor.8:17

WE ALL HAVE RECEIVED 'THE GIFT' – JESUS! (10)

III) Arm Yourself with a right attitude concerning suffering. (12-19)

- A) Don't be surprised if you suffer. (12) John 15:18-6:4; Matt.10:16-24; Rev.2:8-11
- B) Rejoice and Glorify God (13,16) Matt. 5:10-12; Heb.10:32-36;Rom.8:17-21; Col, 3:1-4; 2Tim.2:10-12 The Spirit of God and Gory rests on those who suffer for Jesus! Acts 7:55,56
- C) Realize Refinement (17) 1 Pet.1:6,7; Is.48:10; Job 23:10
Judgement begins at the house of God. Heb.12:25-29; 1Cor.3:12-15

ARM YOURSELVES WITH AN ATTITUDE OF TRUST AND COMMITMENT (v 19)

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