

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER
TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

1 PETER CHAPTER 4:7-11

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Going Public”

The Ministry of The Grace of God Toward All Those Who Are Anchored in Christ.

1 Peter 4:7-11

:7 But the **end** of all things is **at hand**; therefore be **serious** and **watchful** in your **prayers**. **8** And **above all things** have **fervent love** for **one another**, for **“love will cover a multitude of sins.”** **9** Be **hospitable** to **one another** without **grumbling**. **10** As **each** one has **received a gift**, **minister** it to **one another**, as **good stewards** of the **manifold grace** of God. **11** If (a) anyone **speaks**, let him speak as the **oracles** of God. If (b) anyone **ministers**, let him do it as with the **ability** which God **supplies**, that **in all things** God may be **glorified** through **Jesus Christ**, to whom belong the **glory** and the **dominion** forever and ever. **Amen**.

As The World Thinks;

What Does “Going Public” Mean To Them?

Who Are The People Who Benefit From Going Public?

Opportunity Increases. The Reach Is Greater. Others Included.

Why Should You And I Care?

Because We Are The Ones Going Public With Our Faith.

Well, Jesus has His way of Going Public

And that way is through you and I, His church.

Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. **17** When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. **:18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** **Go** therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Acts 1:8

But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

A simple overview of what Peter is saying;

- 1st. Think rightly and be clear minded so you can pray.
- 2nd. Persist and have a love for one another that covers sins.
- 3rd. Be graciously hospitable to fellow believers without complaining.
- 4th. Serve one another with the God-given gift(s) that you have received.

Going Public

1.) Putting your head in the game	vs. 7
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Going Public Means That...

Putting Your Head In The Game

1a.) Understanding what time it is	vs. 7a
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:7a But the **end** of all things is **at hand**;

Notice the motivation to Peter's exhortation,
that it is **THE END**.

End **grk:** telos; the finish"ed" is here. the fulfillment, the outcome.

at hand **grk:** eggizo; to make near, to come near. the coming, the drawing near.

In That Spirit of Urgency

John 9:4-5

I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. **5** As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Romans 13:11-12

And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. **12** The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

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1b.) Keeping your head up	vs. 7b
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:7b But the **end** of all things is **at hand**;

Therefore be (1) serious and (2) watchful (3) in your prayers.

serious grk: sophroneo; to be of a sound, solid mind. to be put on the right temperate. to do sound judgment. to use your mind / thoughts rightly. to be sensible and well grounded.

Therefore be serious

He is including in this an exhortation to get control of your {thought life}.
This is a call to snap out of it.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 ESV

For though we walk in the flesh (like humans walk), we are not waging war according to the flesh (like humans fight). **4** For the weapons of our warfare are not (human) of the flesh but (are spiritual) have divine power to destroy strongholds. **5** We **destroy** (dethrone, grab and pull off, a coup), **arguments** (well-crafted rejections, refusals, alternatives) and every lofty **opinion** raised **against the knowledge of God**, and (we) take every thought **captive** (to capture and to make your prisoner) to obey Christ,

**So do we just “Hit the road Jack”
or do we stand and hold our ground?**

watchful grk: nepho; to be clear thinking. sober of mind, implying an abstention from things that cloud or skew the mind.

1 Timothy 6:20-21 KJV

O Timothy, keep (guard, defend the fortress) that which is committed to thy trust, (doctrine) **avoiding** (1) profane and (2) vain babblings, and (3) oppositions of **science** (their own philosophies) falsely so called: **21** Which some **professing** - - have erred concerning the faith.

Meaning: we will see an ever-increasing number of defectors

2 Timothy 4:1-4

I charge (urge, plead) you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom
:2 Preach the word! **Be ready** in season and out of season. **Convince, rebuke, exhort**, with all **longsuffering** and **teaching**. **3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine**, but according to **their own desires**, because they have itching ears, they will heap up **for themselves teachers**; **4** and they **will turn their ears away** from the truth, and be turned aside to **fables**. (muthos – fabricated stories)

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1c.) Preparing for every situation

vs. 7c

:7c But the **end** of all things is **at hand**;

therefore be (1) **serious** and (2) **watchful** (3) in your **prayers**.

prayers **grk:** proseuche; intentional prayer. prayer in earnest. To appoint a place of prayer and or you yourself be an appointed place of prayer.

This “in your **prayers**.”

The context of this section demands that the prayer life mentioned here is the

Kind of Prayer Life that is Upbeat and Expectant.

Its not a fatalistic form of a prayer life – but a **hope-filled prayer life!**

**Far too Many Christians sound like they’ve graduated from
The Eeyore School of Prayer.**

“Dear God, I don't know why I’m even praying right now because You’re going to do whatever is going to happen, God, so go ahead and do it. There’s no reason to get involved or excited. There’s no reason to witness to anybody because after all the end is near. Amen or then maybe not – who knows”.

Walk Through It

Matthew 6:5 -7

“And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. 7 And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

Walk Through It

John 15:7-8

If **you abide in Me**, and **My words abide in you**, you will **ask** what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 **By** this My Father is glorified, that you **bear much fruit**; so you will be My disciples.

Walk Through It

Mark 11:24

Therefore I say to you, **whatever things you ask** when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

Prayer Puts The Doctrines of The Bible On Us.

Prayer is how the Christian gets dressed every morning before the day unfolds.

After Paul describes the Christian's spiritual wardrobe, he says...

Ephesians 6:18-19

praying always with **all prayer** and supplication in the Spirit, being **watchful** to this **end** with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints - - :19 and (pray) for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,

I can promise you this - - that a Christian who is lacking in their prayer life will not be attune, caring about, or serious about the coming of **THE END**.

We Need To Do More Than "Walk Through It" – We Must Do It.

James 5:13-15 NIV

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. **14** Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. **15** And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

The CROSS of Christ, The CHRIST of God, The CALL of Jesus

End of Study

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