

Saturday

Please read 1 Peter 4:12–19 in preparation for this weekend’s sermon. Which verse stands out to you and why?

Please pray for the services this weekend. Please thank God for all the volunteers who are already sharing the gifts they have received with all of us. Ask God to grow and strengthen our church. Pray that the “Jesus Journey” we will study this fall will be used by God in our church and around the world.



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PART 8

Living with a New Attitude

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1 PETER 4:1–11

Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, **arm yourselves also with the same attitude**, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. *1 Peter 4:1*

Arm yourself with...

1. An _____ attitude

As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. *1 Peter 4:2*

“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; **yet not my will, but yours be done.**” *Luke 22:42*

2. An _____ attitude

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. They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 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 4:3–6*

The end of all things is near. Therefore **be alert** and **of sober mind** so that you may **pray**. *1 Peter 4:7*

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, **making the most of every opportunity**, because the days are evil. *Ephesians 5:15–16*

3. A _____ attitude

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should **use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms**. 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.

1 Peter 4:8–11

Daily Meditations

Monday

Please read 1 Peter 4:1–11. What is one thing that stood out to you in last weekend's sermon?

When do you struggle most with your attitude to God? Towards others?

What did you learn about attitude in the sermon that could help you in your daily life? How will you apply that to your life this week?

Thank God today for the opportunity to study the Bible. Talk to Him about your struggles with your attitude. Ask Him to use this week to help you grow in your attitude towards God and others.

Tuesday

Please read Luke 22:41–43 & 1 Peter 4:1–2. Write down at least two things you are “holding on” to right now. How is that impacting your attitude?

How does Jesus' example in the garden of Gethsemane encourage you to live with open hands?

What would living with an open hands attitude look like in your daily life?

Thank God today for Jesus' example. Thank Him that His “open hands” attitude included His willingness to endure the Cross! Talk to God about the things you're holding on to right now. Ask Him for the courage and faith to open your hands in those areas.

Wednesday

Please read Ephesians 5:15–16 & 1 Peter 4:3–7. What desires are you struggling with right now? How could these desires cause you to miss opportunities?

None of us knows when the “end” will come but how do you think living with the end in mind could help you seize opportunities for God?

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How can prayer help you make the most of each day?

Thank God today that each moment matters. Ask Him to remind you to stay in conversation with Him throughout the day. Pray that you will be bold in seizing each opportunity He places in front of you.

Thursday

Please read 1 Peter 4:8–11. What gifts has God given you that you could use to serve others?

How does love “cover a multitude of sins”? How have you been on the receiving end of this kind of love?

How could service to others and love impact your daily attitude?

Thank God today that He has given you time, talents and treasures to both encourage you and to encourage others. Pray for opportunities to put your gifts into action. Pray that service and love will be words that describe you and your attitude.

Friday

Please read Philippians 2:5–11. Write down the key words to describe Jesus' attitude.

What was the motivation behind Jesus' attitude?

Think about some of the driving attitudes in your life. What would you say is the motivation behind your attitudes?

How do you want to see your motivation become more like Jesus'?

Thank God today for His love for you and His mercy. Talk to Him about what's motivating you. Pray for an attitude that is more and more like Jesus'.



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. *1 Peter 4:10*