

A photograph of a dense forest with sunlight filtering through the trees, creating a bright, hazy atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

# **An Attitude Toward Life**

***1 Peter 4:1-11***



**I. Live A Pure Life**

## **A. Jesus' Obsession Was Purity**

- **Our Lord constantly looks to His Father through His life on earth *Lk.2:45-50***
  - **Before multiplying five loaves and two fish Jesus prayed to His Father *Jn.6:1-13***
  - **Jesus told the Pharisees that He cast out demons by the Spirit of God *Matt.12:28***
  - **He prays on the way to the cross *Jn.17:5***
  - **Jesus prays from the cross! *Lk.23:34***

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## B. Arm Yourself With The Same mind

- “Arm yourselves” indicates a great battle for a person’s mind *Eph.6:12-18*

4 For the **weapons of our warfare are not carnal** but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,  
5 Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, **bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,** *2 Cor.10*

- “Christian it is time to get serious!”

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11 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.

- Determine to fight for your spiritual life!

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## **B. Arm Yourself With The Same mind**

- **A clear definition is given for immoral conduct and worldly pressure / *Pet.4:3-4***

**1 Sexual Unrestraint**

**2 Drugs and Drinking**

**3 "Saints are Strange"**



## **II. Live With An End In View**

## A. God Will Make Things Right

- God has “appointed a day on which He will judge the world” *Acts 17:31*

1 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who **will judge the living and the dead at His appearing** and His kingdom *2 Tim.4*

This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him *2 Tim.2:11*

- The question, “How long until the end?”



## **A. God Will Make Things Right**

## **B. The End Is At Hand**

- **This could have two possible meanings for these suffering saints**
  - 1 Jewish persecution would subside by the Roman destruction of Jerusalem**
  - 2 A Christian's reward is as close as death**
    - **Live steadily, calmly, and generously in your walk with Jesus Christ *Acts 10:38***



### **III. Living For Others**

## A. Fervently Love One Another

- Suffering saints might have a tendency to pick at each other *Gal.5:14-15*

14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: “**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**”

15 But if you bite and devour one another, **beware lest you be consumed by one another!**

- Love and forgiveness will cover a multitude of sins *Jas.5:19-20*

## **A. Fervently Love One Another**

## **B. Be Hospitable To Each Other**

- **Jesus told his twelve apostles to look for hospitality in their preaching *Matt.10:9-13***
  - **Christ extols the virtue of hospitality in a picture of the judgment *Matt.25:34-40***

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**C. Use Our Gifts For Service**

- **Corinthian saints learned to use their gifts for God and their brethren / *Cor.12:7, 14-31***
  - **Peter strongly urges these downcast disciples to hold to God and His word!**
  - **All faithful Christians will be raised to sit with Christ in heavenly places *Eph.2:4-6***