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**Psalm 39:4 (NKJV)**

"Lord, make me  
to know my end,  
And what is the  
measure of my  
days, That I may  
know how frail I am.



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**Job 30:23 (NKJV)**

For I know that  
You will bring me  
to death, And to  
the house  
appointed for all  
living.



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**James 4:14 (NKJV)**

<sup>14</sup> whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.



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**Hebrews 9:27  
(NKJV)**

And as it is  
appointed for men  
to die once, but  
after this the  
judgment,



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**2 Peter 3:10 (NKJV)**

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.



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A hand holding an hourglass over a globe of the Earth, symbolizing the end of time. The hourglass is golden and has some text on it, though it's not clearly legible. The globe is white and blue, showing continents and oceans. The background is a fiery, orange and red sky, suggesting a sunset or a dramatic end.

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(cf. Romans 13:11-14)

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<sup>4</sup> In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with *them* in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of *you*. <sup>5</sup> They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. <sup>6</sup> For this reason the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit. <sup>7</sup> But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

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<sup>8</sup> And above all things have fervent love for one another, for *“love will cover a multitude of sins.”* <sup>9</sup> Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup> As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, *let him speak as the oracles of God.* If 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.

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- ✦ **The example of Jesus -**
  - ✦ Because of His mindset, He suffered abuse & death due to His faithfulness to the will of His Father (2:21-25; 3:18-22; Phili 2:5-10; Heb 12:1-3)
  - ✦ Our minds must have the same bent!

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✦ **“Arm yourself with the same mind”**

✦ **“ARM” - a military term -**

✦ **We are at war, and it is a war that begins in the mind - (2:11; Eph. 6:10-18; 2 Cor. 10:3-5)**

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✦ **Victory always begins in the MIND (Rom 12:1,2)**

- ✦ Initial resolve - Josh 24:15
- ✦ Prioritization - Mat 6:33
- ✦ Commitment - 2 Cor 8:5
- ✦ Determination - 2 Pet 1:5-10
- ✦ Persistence - 1 Cor 15:58

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**1 Peter 4:2  
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<sup>2</sup> that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

### ✦ **Ceasing To Walk In Sin (Rom 6:1-23)**

- ✦ The Christian repents – i.e. turns from his sins (Isaiah 1:16; Eph 4:25-27; 5:15,16; 1 John 2:6;3:1,7,9,21,22)
- ✦ The Christian is ashamed of his sinful past! (Rom 6:21)

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- ✦ We are not to live for our own selfish desires or for the will of other men
- ✦ We are to live “for the will of God - to please God (Rom 12:2; 1 John 2:17)

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### ✦ Ceasing To Walk In Sin (Rom 6:1-23)

✦ LEWDNESS - **aselgeia** (ἀσέλγεια) absence of restraint, indecency, shameless conduct.

✦ LUST - **epithumia** (ἐπιθυμία) evil desires that are inconsistent with the will of God.

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✦ **Ceasing To Walk In Sin (Rom 6:1-23)**

✦ DRUNKENNESS - **oinophlugia**

**οἰνοφλυγία** - intoxicated, inebriated, drunk with wine.

✦ REVELRIES - **kōmos** (κῶμος) (*Vines*) the concomitant and consequence of drunkenness.

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✦ **Ceasing To Walk In Sin  
(Rom 6:1-23)**

✦ **DRINKING PARTIES - potos (πότος)**  
- Lit. a drinking, (*Vines*) gathering at which wine was served, drinking party - (BDAG)

✦ **ABOMINABLE IDOLATRIES**

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<sup>4</sup> In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you.

✦ There is a noticeable change in the Christian's life (Mat. 5:13-16; Phili 2:15,16).

✦ So much so that the ungodly speak evil of the righteous (1 Pet. 2:12; Jde 1:10 )

✦ Such treatment is to be expected (Mat. 5:10,11; John 15:19; 1 John 3:12)

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**1 Peter 4:5,6  
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**5 They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.**

**✦ They will be judged by God  
(2 Thes 1:6-10; Rom 14:10-12)**

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<sup>6</sup> For this reason the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

- ✦ They will be judged by God (2 Thes 1:6-10; Rom 14:10-12)
- ✦ Since everyone will face the judgment, preach the gospel (2 Cor. 5:9-11)
- ✦ Those who believe & obey the gospel face a different fate than those who reject it (1 Pet 4:6, 12-19)

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## Act Soberly

**1 Peter 4:7  
(NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

◆ **Take Life Seriously -**

✦ To be clear-minded and self-controlled - lit., “be sober”; cf. 1 Peter 1:13; 5:8)

◆ **“And Sober Minded For The Sake of Your Prayers” - ESV**

✦ Prayer without sober living is ineffective - but God hears the righteous (Eph 6:18; 1 John 5:15,16)

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## Love Fervently

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✦ **The Priority & Nature of love - (Col. 3:12-14; 1 Pet. 1:22; 1 Cor. 13:1-8; 1 Thes. 4:10)**

✦ **Love is a choice, desire & commitment to actively seek the well being of its object (John 3:16; John 15:13; 1 John 5:3; 3:17; Rom 5:8)**

✦ **True love flows from God!**

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- ✦ **Will cover a multitude of sins (Prov. 10:12)**
- ✦ Active love is not restricted to the righteous (Mt 5:43-48; Luke 6:27,35)
- ✦ Love never turns a blind eye to sin, but actively does whatever is necessary to help sinners overcome their sin (Ja 5:20)

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## Love Fervently

**1 Peter 4:9  
(NKJV)**  
9 Be hospitable  
to one another  
without  
grumbling.

- ✦ Love provides the needs of others gladly (Heb 13:2)
- ✦ Individually, good is to be done towards all men (Gal. 6:10; Mat 5:45)
- ✦ Provides for brethren “without complaining” (Gal. 6:10; Rom 12:13)

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## Serve Faithfully

**1 Peter 4:10  
(NKJV)**

<sup>10</sup> As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

- ✦ **Using The Abilities We Have Been Given (Rom 12:6-8)**
- ✦ **Serving one another (Mat. 25:44, 2 Cor. 9:1, Heb. 6:10; Phili. 2:1-5)**
- ✦ **As good stewards (1 Cor. 4:1, Mat. 25:14-30)**

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### 1 Peter 4:11 (NKJV) ✨

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### Using The Abilities We Have Been Given (Rom 12:6-8)

✨ Speaking God's word (Acts 8:1-4; 2 Tim 4:2)

✨ Giving the glory to God through Jesus (1 Cor. 6:20; 10:31; 2 Cor. 9:13; Eph. 3:21)

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## Romans 13:11-14 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

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## 2 Peter 3:10-14 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? <sup>13</sup>

Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. <sup>14</sup>

Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

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How much time do  
you have????

The day will come  
when "every one of  
us shall give  
account of himself  
to God"

(Romans 14:12).



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**Are You:**

Thinking Spiritually?

Living Acceptably?

Acting Soberly?

Loving Fervently?

Serving Faithfully?



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How will you live  
out the rest of your  
time? (4:2)

Have you obeyed  
the gospel? (4:17)

What if time ran  
out today?



# THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH US TODAY



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Sunday P.M. Assembly: 4:00

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