

STANDING FIRM

1 Peter 4:7-11

⁷ The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1) Write down 10 observations and 5 questions about the passage.

2) What are the main verbs and the main subjects of the passage?

3) "The end of all things" refers to Christ's second coming. Read Matthew 24:42-44. How should this impact the way you live your life?

How to Study the Bible

1. Pray
2. Read the passage multiple times
3. Identify key verbs, nouns, and repeated words or phrases
4. Write down questions
5. Check context, cross-references
6. Check commentaries
7. Ask "Why does this matter?"

- 4) What do you think being self-controlled and sober minded have to do with your prayers?

- 5) Look up the definition of "earnestly" in the dictionary. How can you purposefully love those around you?

- 6) How do you think love covers a multitude of sins? Is this talking about man's love, God's love, or both?

- 7) Hospitality is extending love to other believers beyond those you normally hang out with. It extends love to ALL believers. Hospitality does not simply mean inviting others into your home, but includes having an unselfish attitude in everything that you have so that it is without complaining. Keeping this in mind, how can you specifically show hospitality to the other believers at school and church?

- 8) What does verse 10 say you are supposed to do with your spiritual gift?

- 9) Read Romans 12:3-8. What are the six spiritual gifts listed in this passage?

- 10) Spiritual gifts can be broken down into two broad categories: gifts of speaking and gifts of service. How can someone be a good steward of a speaking gift according to verse 11? What about with a serving gift?

- 11) What is the main goal of using your spiritual gift found in verse 11?

- 12) What are some ways **you need to** apply this passage?