

The Book of 1 Peter  
Session 7  
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**1 Peter 4.1-11**

**(1-6):** “Therefore.” Changed lives leads to changing ways— (attitudes, inner motives, habits, and pursuits)  
This will often lead to attraction or repulsion.

The main point of verse 1 is that believers are to arm themselves. The Greek word for “arm” is *οπλιζομαι* (*hoplizomai*). Which has military connotations.

Verse 1-3 give us four reminders of our new life that will help us arm ourselves:

- We no longer serve sin as our master (v.1).
  - We don’t spend our days overwhelmed by desires (v.2a).
  - We’ve opened the door to the will of God (v.2b).
  - We’ve closed the door on godless living (v.3).
- (v.4)** βλασφημέω (*blasphēmeō*): “To blaspheme” (slander against sacred things)
- (v.6):** The reversals of death and life.

**(7-11):** The commands of the “end-times.” Stewardship vs. Ownership

- Self-Controlled and sober-minded.
- Love earnestly
- Show hospitality
- Serve one another

**Questions to Consider:**

- Is there anyone in your life that you are struggling to “keep on loving...earnestly” (v.8)? What do you need from our Lord to do this?
- How does the reality of judgment (vs. 5-7) and Christ’s glory (v.11) influence your daily behavior?
- Why is using your talents for God important both for yourself and for others?