

PROPER PERSPECTIVE ON *THE END*:
HOW WE MUST LIVE (conclusion)
(1 Peter 4:7-11)

- I. Its Impact on One’s Personal Life (1 Pet. 4:7 *b*)
 - A. Should produce sound judgment (cf. Mark 5:15; Luke 8:35)
 - B. Should produce sober mindedness
 - C. Should produce appropriate prayer
- II. Its Impact on One’s Public Life (1 Pet. 4:8-11)
 - A. Should produce mutual love (4:8)
 - B. Should promote mutual hospitality (4:9)
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- C. Should PRACTICE mutual SERVICE (4:10-11 *a*)
 - 1. Its NATURE
 - a. Supplied as a GIFT
 - b. Bestowed in the PAST upon EACH ONE
 - c. Provided for the BENEFIT of fellow BELIEVERS
 - d. Employed as STEWARDS
 - e. Ministers God’s “MANIFOLD GRACE”

2. Its basic FORMS

a. The “SPEAKING” gifts

1) Being conscious of God’s AUTHORITY

2) Being conscious of our ACCOUNTABILITY

b. The “SERVING” gifts

1) Being conscious of personal RESPONSIBILITY

2) Being conscious of natural INABILITY

D. Should PROVOKE mutual PRAISE (4:11 *b*; cf. 1 Cor. 10:31)

1. The GOAL of “all things” in the CHRISTIAN LIFE

2. Possible only “THROUGH JESUS CHRIST”

a. Requires our TRANSFORMATION

b. Requires our SUBMISSION

3. Ascribes to God “the GLORY and [the] DOMINION”

a. No one else DESERVES personal GLORY

b. No one else EXERCISES personal AUTHORITY

c. These belong only to GOD for ETERNITY

d. This truth is AFFIRMED by believers TODAY