



Spirit-Empowered Living that Glorifies God-- pt. 1

(Christian relationships in action)

Sunday, Jan. 31st, 2010, 1 Peter 4:7-11, The end of all things is at hand; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober *spirit* for the purpose of prayer. **8** Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. **9** Be hospitable to one another without complaint. **10** As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. **11** Whoever speaks, *let him speak*, as it were, the utterances of God; whoever serves, *let him do so* as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Introduction: How to live victoriously in the midst of opposition. 1:6; 2:12; 4:1

- Christian living is the work of the Holy Spirit--1:2; 2:4; 4:6
- Christian living is for the glory of the Father. 4:11

1. Spirit-empowered living that glorifies God is preparing for and expecting Christ's soon return. v. 7a; Rom. 13:12; 1 Thess. 1:10; James 5:7-8; Rev. 22:22;

Matt. 5:13-30

2. Spirit-empowered living that glorifies God is maintaining sound and sober minds for the purpose of prayer. v.7b

a. Sound judgment: Mk 5:15; 1 Pet. 5:8-9

b. Sober-minded: 1:13; 4:7; 5:8; Luke 21:34-36; Phil 1:9-11

3. Spirit-empowered living that glorifies God is fervently loving one another. v.8

a. Above all--1:22; 2:17; 3:8; Jn. 13:34-35; Col. 3:14; 1 Cor. 13:4-7

b. Fervently--keep stretching and straining your love to the max.

c. Agape love covers a multitude of sins--Prov. 10:12; 17:8; James 5:20

4. Spirit-empowered living that glorifies God is opening up our homes to other believers. v.9; Rom. 16:1-2; 1 Tim. 3:2; Heb. 13:1-2; 3 John 5-8

- Without complaint--Phil. 2:14; James 5:9; 2 Cor. 9:7

5. Spirit-empowered living that glorifies God is exercising our spiritual gifts to build up one another. v. 10

This is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it.

