



# First Peter

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1. It should make us more prayerful, 4:7

- a. A grave observation, 4:7a "But the end of all things is at hand..."

Jas. 5:8 **Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts:** for **the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.**



Rom. 13:11 And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to **awake out of sleep**: for now *is* **our salvation nearer than when we believed.**

Heb. 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and **unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.**

1 Jn. 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; **whereby we know that it is the last time.**

b. A great obligation, 4:7b "...be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer."



Original Word: σωφρονέω

Transliteration: sóphroneó

Definition: I am of sound mind, am sober-minded, exercise self-control.

*sōphronéō* – properly, *safety-minded*; having a **sober outlook that reflects true balance**.

For the believer, *sōphronéō* ("think shrewdly") reflects what *God defines is true moderation*. This *God-controlled* perspective blends the extremities of truth on both sides of a matter.

[The whole word-family (root, *sōphro-*) comes from two words: *sōos* ("safe") and *phrēn* ("what *regulates* life," the root of the English term, "*diaphragm*").

*Example*: An opera singer controls the length (quality) of their tones by their *diaphragm*, which even controls our ability to breathe and *moderates* heartbeat. This *regulates* ("brings *safety*") to the body, keeping it *properly controlled*.] <http://biblehub.com/greek/4993.htm>



Mark 5:15 And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and **in his right mind**: and they were afraid.

Original Word: νήφω

Transliteration: néphó

Definition: (lit: I am sober), I am calm (vigilant), circumspect, watching.

*néphō* ("be sober, unintoxicated") refers to having *presence of mind* (clear judgment), enabling someone to be *temperate* (self-controlled). *néphō* ("uninfluenced by intoxicants") means to have "one's wits (faculties) about them," which is the opposite of being *irrational*.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/3525.htm>



1 Tim. 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, **first of all**, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men;

1 Thess. 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

Heb. 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin.

16 **Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Mt. 26:40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

41 **Watch and pray**, that ye enter not into temptation: **the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.**



2. It should make us more practical, 4:8-10

a. What we must show, 4:8

1 Pet. 4:8 And **above all things** have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

Original Word: ἔκτενής

Transliteration: ektenés

Definition: intent, constant, strenuous, intense, fervent; met: earnest, zealous.

Properly, stretch *out*, i.e. fully because completely taut; (figuratively) at *maximum potential*, without slack because fully extended to its necessary *outcome*.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1618.htm>



Acts 12:5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made **without ceasing** of the church unto God for him.

Rom. 13:8 Owe no man any thing, **but to love one another**: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if *there be* any other commandment, **it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore **love is the fulfilling of the law.**



1 Thess. 5:8 But **let us, who are of the day**, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. ...

15 See that none render evil for evil unto any *man*; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all *men*.

1 Jn. 4:7 **Beloved, let us love one another**: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, **that we might live through him**.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

11 **Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another**.



Prov. 10:12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but **love covereth all sins.**

Jas. 5:20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and **shall hide a multitude of sins.**

1 Jn. 1:9 If **we** confess **our** sins, he is faithful and just to forgive **us our** sins, and to cleanse **us** from all unrighteousness.

### Summary

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Because the Lord's return is at hand...

- Have your head on straight, and be cognizant of the reality of eternity.
- Pray with a calm, clear mind because of such spiritual maturity.
- Love the brethren with an intensity that is genuinely spiritual, caring for another's spiritual welfare.

b. What we must shoulder, 4:9

1 Pet. 4:9 Use hospitality **one to another without grudging.**



Original Word: γογγυσμός

Transliteration: goggusmos

Short Definition: murmuring, grumbling, grudging

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1112.htm>

Phil. 2:14 Do all things without **murmurings** and disputings:

c. What we must share, 4:10

1 Pet. 4:10 As every man hath received the gift, **even so minister the same one to another**, as **good stewards of the manifold grace of God.**



1 Cor. 4:1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

2 Moreover **it is required in stewards**, that a man be found **faithful**. ...

5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, **until the Lord come**, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and **then shall every man have praise of God**.

3. It should make us more perceptive, 4:11

a. About the Word of God, 4:11a “**If any man speak**, *let him speak* as the **oracles of God**...”



Original Word: λόγιον

Transliteration: logion

Definition: plur: oracles, divine responses or utterances (it can include the entire Old Testament).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/3051.htm>

Know the Bible!

1 Pet. 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: **and be ready always to give an answer** to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

2 Tim. 2:15 **Study to shew thyself approved unto God**, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**



b. About the work of God, 4:11b “...**if any man minister**, *let him do it* as of the ability which **God giveth...**”

Rev. 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto **him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,**  
6 And hath **made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory** and dominion for ever and ever.  
Amen.

c. About the worship of God, 4:11c “...that **God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ**, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever.  
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- Have the right attitude and spirit to be hospitable to the brethren.
- As a good steward, use what God has given you in order to minister unto others
- Do what God designed for you to do!
- Focus upon the primary priority – “...that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ...”



## Conclusion

Eph. 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, **pastors and teachers**;

12 For **the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:**

13 **Till we all come in the unity of the faith**, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But **speaking the truth in love**, may **grow up into him** in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, **according to the effectual working in the measure of every part**, maketh increase of the body unto **the edifying of itself in love**.