IPETER: HOLY AND HOPE-FILLED LIVING IN A HOSTILE WORLD

I PETER 4:1-6

HOLY AND HOPE-FILLED LIVING... **ARMED WITH A** HOLY PURPOSE!!!

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- The Basis for Arming Yourself With a Holy Purpose, 1
 - ✓ The argument from the past, "Therefore…."
 ✓ The argument from the future, "Because…."

• The Command To Arm Yourself With a Holy Purpose, 1

- The Necessity for Arming Yourself With a Holy Purpose, 1
 - We are in a WAR!!!

Many other Bible passages speak of us being in spiritual war!

- The Necessity for Arming Yourself With a Holy Purpose, 1 We are in a war!
- The Details of Arming Yourself With a Holy Purpose, 2.
 - Negatively!Positively!

Some Biblical Statements of a "Life Purpose"

- Glorify God, I Cor. 10:31
- Please Jesus, II Cor. 5:9
- Christ! Philippians 1:21
- Present every man complete in Christ, Colossians 1:28-29
- Lead a quiet life and take care of our own business, I Thessalonians 4:11

Some Biblical Statements of a "Life Purpose"

- Godliness, I Timothy 4:7
- To live our lives for the will of God not for the lusts of men, I Peter 4:1-2.

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Live the rest of your life for the will of God!

Biblical Expressions of God's Will...

- Present your body a living sacrifice, Rom. 12:1-2
- Give yourself to God, II Cor. 8:1-5
- Walk as wise men, redeeming the time, Ephesians 5:15-17
- Work hard for your employer, Ephesians 6:5-6
- Your Sanctification, I Thess. 4:3

Biblical Expressions of God's Will...

- Sexual purity, I Thessalonians 4:3.
- Rejoice Always, I Thessalonians 5:16
- Pray without ceasing, I Thessalonians 5:17
- In everything, give thanks, I Thessalonians 5:18.
- Continue to walk in faith, in spite of trials, Hebrews 10:36

Biblical Expressions of God's Will...

- Be in submission to governmental authorities, Romans 13:1-7; I Peter 2:15.
- Be willing to suffer, unjustly, I Peter 3:17; 4:19.

- The Reasonableness of Arming Yourself With a Holy Purpose, 3.
 - "You lived like unbelievers long enough!"

The Pursued Desires of the Unbelievers...3

- Sensuality!
- Lusts
- Drunkenness
- Carousing
- Drinking parties
- Abominable idolatries!!!

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ENOUGH, ALREADY!!!

The Reactions to you Arming yourself with a Holy purpose, 4-5.

- ✓ Surprise, 4
- ✓ Excess of Dissipation, 4
- ✓ Blasphemy, 4
- ✓ Accountability!, 5

The Reminder For Arming Yourself With A Holy Purpose, 6

We have been entrusted with the gospel!!! How we live...

arming ourselves with God's Holy Purpose... will be a factor that God will use in drawing people to Himself in salvation!

IN A WATCHING AND NEEDY, BUT HOSTILE WORLD... We need to arm ourselves with the purpose of living HOLY AND **HOPE-FILLED LIVES!**



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