IPETER: HOLYAND HOPE-FILLED LIVING IN A HOSTILE WORLD

I PETER 4:1-6

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For the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties and abominable idolatries. In all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign you;

but they will give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For the gospel has for this purpose been preached even to those who are dead, that though they are judged in the flesh as men, they may live in the spirit according to the will of God.

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 - √ 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!!!

Other Passages That Talk About the War We Are In

- I Peter 2:11
- James 4:1
- Romans 13:13-14
- II Corinthians 10:3-5
- Ephesians 6:10-19, esp. 11-13
- I Timothy 1:18
- II Timothy 2:3-4

- 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

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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