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# 1 PETER

## Unshakable: Standing Firm in a Shifting World

### PART 5: THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE

#### CENTRAL QUESTION

If God calls us to suffer joyfully for his glory, how can we reconcile that with our natural desire to avoid pain and pursue comfort?

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#### INTRODUCTION

1 Peter 4 presents a powerful challenge to live with an eternal perspective in a world filled with suffering, temptation, and opposition. Peter encourages believers to arm themselves with the mindset of Christ, embrace suffering for righteousness, and steward God's gifts for His glory. In this chapter, we're reminded that suffering is not the end, but a means to refine our faith and bring glory to God. How can we live in such a way that our lives reflect God's purposes even when trials come? This lesson will explore 1 Peter 4's timeless truths and their practical implications for our walk with Christ.

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#### READ 1 PETER CHAPTER 4 OUTLINE

- **The Call to Arm Yourself with Christ's Mindset (1 Peter 4:1–6)**
  - Ceasing from sin and living for God's will.
  - Facing opposition from unbelievers.
  - The certainty of divine judgment.
- **Living in the Light of the End (1 Peter 4:7–11)**
  - Urgency in prayer, love, hospitality, and stewardship.
  - Using spiritual gifts to glorify God.
- **Rejoicing in Suffering for Christ (1 Peter 4:12–19)**



## APPLICATION

- I am to adopt a Christlike \_\_\_\_\_ toward suffering.

I am to reflect on Christ's example of enduring suffering for God's will and strive to see trials as opportunities to grow in faith and obedience.

- I am to be a faithful steward of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

I am to identify and use your spiritual gifts to serve others and bring glory to God, remembering that every ability and resource is entrusted by Him. To learn more about spiritual gifts and discovering your spiritual gift go to: [How do I identify my spiritual gift? | GotQuestions.org](https://www.gotquestions.org/How-do-I-identify-my-spiritual-gift?)



- I am to live with an \_\_\_\_\_.

I am to focus on God's ultimate purposes rather than temporary challenges. Cultivate habits like prayer, intentional love, and trust in God's plan to stay aligned with His eternal priorities.

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