



Living as Stewards of His Grace

Week 9: 1 Peter 4:1-11

And here we are at the end of a major section in 1 Peter. Oh, how God has brought me to my knees time and time again through these words. And this week as we look back and as we remember it's all through Christ and for His glory, we'll grow in His sweet grace once again! There's an urgency in these words – to live them out today. I pray you'll be blessed.

Week 9 Day 1 - Back to the beginning!

- **Pray:** "God, I come to You knowing Your ears are attentive to my prayers. Draw me close to You today."
- **Quickly but carefully read 1 Peter 4:1-11, remembering to jot down any questions or quick observations. Take note of verse 11.** Why do you think Peter put this closing remark in the middle of his letter?
- **Read or listen to 1 Peter 1-3 in one sitting if possible.** Jot down notes of what stands out to you, and/or if there are any underlying themes that God has brought to your attention.
- **And then continue on reading the first 11 verses of chapter 4, pausing to answer these questions:**
 - What is Peter saying? (Restate the content in your own words.)
 - What is the main point of this passage? The main goal?
 - What was Peter's original intent in writing this? Why?
 - What else stands out by asking- Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?
- **Choose part or all of a verses(s) from 1 Peter 4:1-11 to memorize this week – mark it in your Bible and write it on a notecard (or other piece of paper) and carry it with you throughout the day.**
- ***EXTRA*** Re-read each of the Bible memory verses from previous weeks.

"...so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen" - 1 Peter 4:11b NIV



Week 9 Day 2 - Write it Out & Draw it Up

- **Pray:** "God, please guide and bless my time in Your Word today."
- **Write out 1 Peter 4:1-11 in your journal.**
- **Read through 1 Peter 4:1-11 – using colored pencils, pens, highlighters, or even crayons (really whatever you have available) to mark your Bible and/or draw illustrations as much as you would like and have time for!** This will help you to slow down & notice things you hadn't before (and can be done with a little one right next to you with their own set of colors). Use your actual Bible, a printed-off copy, or today's journal writing. **If you can, read the passage again for each new group of markings.** *You may want to mark references to **God**, **His promises**, commands to **do** or **not do**, transitional words, and any extra words, drawings, or lists... **{Verse 11 would be beautiful to illustrate.}**
- **Read your memory verse(s) out loud 3 times while making hand motions.**
- ***EXTRA*** Look through all your journal/Bible notes to review all you've learned the previous weeks. *What stands out the most?*



Week 9 Day 3 - Finding Meaning in the Words

- **Pray:** "God, thank You for everything You are teaching me. Guide me as I study Your Word today."
- **Carefully read 1 Peter 4:1-11.**
- **Now, let's try to discover the original intended message of these words...**
 - **Look any unknown words up in a dictionary** and/or Bible dictionary.
 - **Look for clues to the original meaning of word(s) by looking at the context.**
 - **Look up the original Greek definition(s) of as many words as you would like at BibleHub.com.** –OR– Here's a different {new to this study} way you could try:
 - **Go to BlueLetterBible.org** (to use their Greek lexicon).
 - **Type 1 Peter 4 in the search box.**
 - **Click on the TOOLS button.** – Make sure the blue INTERLINEAR tab is selected.
 - **Click on the hyperlinked Strong's number next to the word you'd like to look up.** (It will look something like this: [G3767](#).) Read all about the word.
 - What I like about using BlueLetterBible.org is that it doesn't matter what translation you choose to use, you can hear the pronunciation of the Greek word, and it's easy to click onto the entry to the Vine's Expository Dictionary from the Greek Lexicon (and I usually really appreciate its definitions).
- **If you have time, look up any words you are interested in – in a concordance.** A concordance is found in the back of many Bibles and contains references to other verses that contain that same *English* word. If using BlueLetterBible.org, after you **click on the blue hyper-linked word** scroll down to the Concordance where Scripture verses that contain that same Greek word will be listed.
- **Make your memory verse(s) into a song.** (Try singing it as if it's an extra verse in a favorite hymn, such as "Amazing Grace.") If possible – teach it to a child.
- ***EXTRA***- see if you can sing the songs to all of the previous memory verses.



Week 9 Day 4 - Searching Scripture

- **Pray:** "God, give me an alert and sober mind so that I may learn from Your Words."
- **Read 1 Peter 4:1-11 OUT LOUD.**
- **The best way to understand Scripture is by using other Scripture.** So we're going to do some searching around in our Bibles today by taking a look at and following the **cross-references** written in our Bibles.
 - Most Bibles have extra little super-script letters written by a group of words – **these are the cross-references.** Look for the matching letter on one of the margins, and you will find a list of other Scripture references where the word or phrase is used in other places across the Bible.
 - If your Bible does not contain cross-references, or you prefer to do your study online, go to Biblia.com. **After typing in the Scripture reference in the search box, click on the little blue hyperlinked letters, and hover over the reference to see the entire cross-reference verse written out.**
 - In your Bible or online, you can go to or click on the cross-reference verse(s) to learn even more by following *that* verse's cross-references.
 - **Take time to search Truth as you follow these trails.**
- **Review your Bible memory verse(s) by writing it in a prominent place.** (Ex. – on your kitchen window or bathroom mirror with dry-erase markers, etc.) **Say/sing the verse(s) as you write it seeing how much you can remember without looking.**



Week 9 Day 5 - Apply it!

- **Pray:** "God, all glory and power belongs to You. May Your name be praised in my life as I become a faithful steward of Your grace."
- **Listen to 1 Peter chapter 4.** (Find {free} options at BlueLetterBible.org, BibleStudyTools.com, & BibleGateway.com, use a {free} Bible app, or have someone read it to you.)
- **Ponder these questions:** (Remember, you may not come up with all the answers – just get in the habit of asking these questions.)
 - What truths, promises, and/or commands have you recognized?
 - What have you learned about God? Christ? The gospel? Sin? Salvation? Yourself?
 - How does this apply to your life?
- **Now you may consult a good commentary to confirm what you have learned.** (Try BlueLetterBible.org or BlueHub.com – under the commentaries tab.) You could spend many hours in commentaries – just don't let them replace your Bible. ☺
- **In your journal or in the margins of your Bible, write 1 Peter 4:1-11 in your own words.** (If you'd like, write it as a personalized prayer to God.)
- **Share what you are learning – as well as your Bible memory verse(s) – with someone else.** I'd love to hear your thoughts at OurFamilyForHisGlory.com!



Week 9 - Extra (Completely optional!!)

- **Find ways to be a steward of God's grace in its various forms.**
- **Continue/finish any study you did not get to throughout the week.**
- **Listen to a sermon on 1 Peter 4:1-11.** DesiringGod.org is a good place to start.
- **Worship God with songs based on 1 Peter 4** – you can find some at WorshipTogether.com.
- **Join us at Our Family for His Glory** with your family as we grow together in our 1 Peter Family {Bible} Time.



For the Family

Questions:

- *What did our sins do to Jesus?
- *What should our attitude be like?
- *What do you typically spend your time on?
- *How can we make our time count for eternity?

Activity Ideas:

- *Have a race, and talk about how we should make our time count for eternity.
- *Invite someone over for a special play-date where your children practice showing hospitality.
- *Make heart-shaped "love glasses" and wear them as a reminder to love others deeply from the heart.
- *Use the gifts God has given you to do a service project.