

Christians Are Called To Be Self-Controlled

1 Peter 4:7-11

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Thesis: As Christians we are called to live self-controlled lives in prayer, love and ministry to the church all for the glory of God

1. A self-controlled life of prayer is the call of every Christian (vs. 7)

Reflection:

What would a prayer-focused mind and life look like?

2. A self-controlled life of love is evidence of ceasing with sin (vs. 8-9)

Reflection:

Do you see the social nature of your sin?

3. A self-controlled life of ministry to the church achieves the goal of glorifying God (vs. 10-11)

Reflection:

How are you using your gifts to serve the church and glorify God?

Application:

Continue the thought experiment, but now move it into action.

There are two thoughts that should dominate our thinking:

1. Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

2. Life after death and the coming judgment.

Action steps to take:

1. Discipline your mind and life to be consistently in prayer.

2. Show your break with sin by tangibly loving someone in our church this week.

3. Make a list of how you can graciously use the gifts God has gifted you to bless His church.