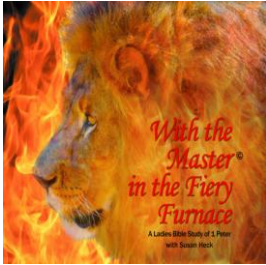


Questions to Consider—With the Master in the Fiery Furnace—Lesson 18—1 Peter 4:7, 8—  
How to Occupy Until He Comes!

*(You may want to glance at question 8 first)*



1. (a) Read 1 Peter chapter four and list all the commands you find. (b) How many did you find? (c) List the reasons why Peter perhaps gives these commands.
2. Memorize 1 Peter 4:7.
3. (a) In light of the Lord's return, what should we be doing, according to Matthew 25; Mark 13:32-37; Romans 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 15:58; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Hebrews 10:19-25; James 5:8-12; 1 Peter 4:7-11; 2 Peter 3:4-14, and 1 John 2:28? (b) What are some ways you are "occupying your time" until the Lord's return?
4. (a) Why should we avoid predicting dates for the Lord's Second Coming, according to Matthew 24:36-44? (b) According to Matthew 24:4-31 what things have to happen first?
5. (a) Who covered another's sin in Genesis 9:20-23? (b) What was the sin that was committed? (c) Who covered another's sin in 1 Samuel 25? (d) What was the sin that was committed? (e) What happened to the sinner, according to verses 36-38? (f) What principles can you glean from these two stories about covering the sins of others?
6. (a) What should we do when someone is in sin, according to Leviticus 19:17 and Matthew 18:15-20? (b) What should we do if they don't repent, according to the Matthew passage, and 1 Corinthians 5:9-13 and 2 Thessalonians 3:6, 14, 15? (c) How does this reconcile with what Peter says in 1 Peter 4:8, that "love will cover a multitude of sins"?
7. (a) Why is church discipline (Matthew 18:15-20) a loving thing to do? (b) Why do you think most churches do not practice this command from God?
8. Examine your prayer life this week and answer the following questions: (a) Do you pray from a sense of duty or are you compelled to pray? (b) Do you pray infrequently or briefly? (c) Do your prayers center on your needs or the needs of others? (d) Do your prayers center mainly on spiritual matters or earthly concerns?
9. Look over your answers from question three, and then write a prayer request on how you might better "occupy your time till He comes."