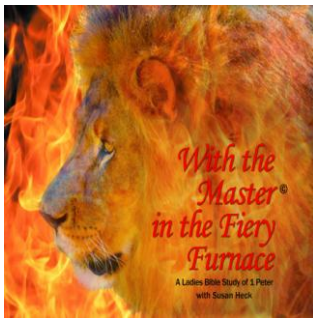


Questions to Consider--Lesson—17—1 Peter 4:1-6-The Past, the Present, and the Future
Life of a Believer



1. (a) As you read 1 Peter 4:1-6, try to put yourself in the shoes of these persecuted Christians. How would these verses be an encouragement to you? (b) How would they be a warning to you?
2. Memorize 1 Peter 4:1.
3. (a) Peter says in 1 Peter 4:2 that we are to suffer with the same mind (attitude) as our Lord did. What was the attitude that Christ displayed during suffering, according to Matthew 26:38-46; Luke 23:33-46; Philippians 2:5-8; 1 Peter 2:21-25? (b) Which of these attitudes is especially difficult for you when encountering suffering?
4. (a) What are some **biblical reasons** that we should not live as we used to live before we became Christians, according to 1 Corinthians 6:9-20; Galatians 5:19-22; Ephesians 4:17-32; 5:1-8 and 1 John 5:4? (b) What are some **practical reasons** that you can think of that we should not walk as we “once walked”?
5. (a) Who in Luke 15:11-32 was involved in “riotous living”? (b) Was it satisfying to his soul? Prove your answer with scripture. (c) Did he repent of his sinful life? Again, prove your answer with scripture. (d) What principles can you glean from this parable regarding “riotous living”?
6. (a) What are the reasons we should not get drunk, according to Proverbs 23:29-35 and Ephesians 5:18? (b) What are we to do instead, according to Ephesians 5:18? (c) What are some practical reasons that you can think of that we should not get drunk?
7. (a) What sins listed in 1 Peter 4:3 do you see mentioned also in Exodus 32? (b) What did God want to do to His people, according to Exodus 32: 9, 10? (c) What happened to them for their disobedience, according to Exodus 32:25-35? (d) What makes the Israelite’s behavior especially grievous?
8. What are some principles for suffering from 2 Corinthians 4:8-18 that you could use to encourage yourself and others when encountering suffering?
9. How do you personally handle ridicule from others for your attachment to Christ?
10. Are you currently suffering because you are a Christian? Please write your need in the form of a prayer request.