



## The Time is Now - Week 1: Be alert and of sober mind *1 Peter 4:7, 1 Peter 1:13, 1 Peter 5:8*

### The End of All Things...

*The end of all things is near. **Therefore be alert and of sober mind** so that you may pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, 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 4:7-11 NIV)*

### Why is a sober mind important?

1. A qualification to be an \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ in the church.
2. An instruction on becoming a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The opposite of being \_\_\_\_\_.
  1. An inability to \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. A lack of \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. A delay in \_\_\_\_\_.
4. There are tons of things that can produce this kind of \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.

*"We are vulnerable to a cognitive impairment on the same level as drunkenness that can open us up to all kinds of other sins, sometimes with deep consequences."*

### **2 Timothy 4:5 NIV:**

*But you, **keep your head in all situations**, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.*

### Our Cultural Moment:

1. We live in a highly \_\_\_\_\_ world.
2. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ mentality.
3. Many people like to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Society is always after a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.



## What is a sober minded person?

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ mind
2. Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ to act

### Application

1. We are called to be sober minded, not \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Get \_\_\_\_\_ about being \_\_\_\_\_!
2. What is it that \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Take steps to clear your \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Build the \_\_\_\_\_ in your life!

### **Matthew 22:37 NIV:**

*Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your **mind**."*

We need to get serious about \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ in the process!

*"I've known and believed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ since I was a young child. Despite my consistent presence in the church as a youth, I did not realize the important connection between the mind and heart in loving God."*

*I didn't spend a lot of time personally studying the Bible. And when I did open it, I read carelessly, flipping to random sections in the middle of a book or chapter. I treated Scripture as though it was written just for me—to give an encouraging word when I was down or to help make a major decision in my life." - Katie Boggs*

*"Nothing can be in the heart that is not first in the mind. And if we want to have an experience of God directly where we bypass the mind, we're on a fool's errand. It can't happen. We might increase emotion, entertainment, or excitement, but we're not going to increase the love of God because we can't love what we don't know. A mindless Christianity is no Christianity at all." - R.C. Sproul*