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2 Peter 3:10-11 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. 11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

**#1 _____ through how to live with the end in view,
while being _____ in prayer 7**

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QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

- 1 What kind of behavior in your life should change if you were to become more sound in judgment and sober minded?
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- 3 Are you straining with every spiritual muscle in order to love others in the body?
- 4 Are you more prone to cover over a sin against you or are you one who harbors hurts? Why?
- 5 Have you ever had someone you barely know in your house to care for? Did you find yourself complaining?
- 6 Do you think often of the return of Christ and how can you look forward MORE to being with Him forever?
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