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*1 Peter 4:1-2 (NIV)*

## **Armed With Attitude**

I have wasted a lot of time. I thought what I shouldn't have thought. I said what I shouldn't have said. I did what I shouldn't have done. I lived entirely for my own comfort and pleasure. I did whatever I pleased. I was guilty of living a dark and sinful life. Those days are over. Those thoughts and words and deeds are long gone. You rescued me from that life without you. You pulled me off the course that I was on. You paid for my sins. You cleansed me of all my unrighteousness. You freely gave up your life so I could have a new life in you. You suffered and died on my behalf. **Yes, I did.**

**What kind of life do you now want to live?** I want to live a life that is pleasing to you. I want to follow you to wherever you lead me. I want to do whatever you ask of me. I want to follow your example. I want my heart and mind and life to be armed with the same attitude that you had when you lived your life as a man in this life. I want to give like you gave. I want to serve like you served. I will no longer live for myself. I will no longer live for the pleasures of this world. My eyes are on you. I now know that I am just a visitor passing through this world. My real and future home is with you in heaven. I now know that I am here for a reason. You have given my life meaning. You have given my life purpose. You want to use me as your witness in the world. You want my life to shine brightly for you. You want to use me. You want to bear fruit through my life that will last for all eternity. You want me to share the good news of the Gospel with others. You want my thoughts and words and deeds to be a testimony of the life of salvation that can be had in you. You want to speak to others through my life. You want an abundance of people to be drawn to you so that they can also come to live in your kingdom. **Will you allow me to use you? Will you serve me? Will you live your life as a bright and shining witness for me? Will you share the Good News of salvation in me with others?** Yes, Lord, I will do all that you ask of me with joy and devotion in my heart. It is my pleasure to serve you. **That is very good.**

*Lord, I am tired of thinking self-centered, worldly and sinful thoughts. I want your thoughts instead of my own. Replace my attitudes with your same attitude. Help me to think, speak and act just as you would in all that I face in life. Amen*

### **The Mind** *Arm Yourselves With This Attitude*

Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.

NIV 1 Peter 4:1-2

### **The Mind** *Arm Yourselves With The Same Attitude*

So then, since Christ suffered physical pain, you must arm yourselves with the same attitude he had, and be ready to suffer, too. For if you have suffered physically for Christ, you have finished with sin. You won't spend the rest of your lives chasing your own desires, but you will be anxious to do the will of God.

NLT 1 Peter 4:1-2

### **The Mind** *Arm Yourselves With The Same Intention*

Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, that he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

NRSV 1 Peter 4:1-2

### **The Mind** *Arm Yourselves With The Same Thought*

SO, SINCE Christ suffered in the flesh *for us, for you*, arm yourselves with the same thought *and* purpose [patiently to suffer rather than fail to please God]. For whoever has suffered in the flesh [having the mind of Christ] is done with [intentional] sin [has stopped pleasing himself and the world, and pleases God], So that he can no longer spend the rest of his natural life living by [his] human appetites *and* desires, but [he lives] for what God wills.

AMP 1 Peter 4:1-2

### **The Mind** *Arm Yourselves With The Same Purpose*

Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

NASB 1 Peter 4:1-2

### **The Mind** *Arm Yourselves With The Same Way Of Thinking*

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.

ESV 1 Peter 4:1-2

### **The Mind** *Arm Yourselves With The Same Mind*

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same intention (for whoever has suffered in the flesh has finished with sin), so as to live for the rest of your earthly life no longer by human desires but by the will of God.

NKJV 1 Peter 4:1-2

### **The Mind** *Learn To Think Like Him*

Since Jesus went through everything you're going through and more, learn to think like him. Think of your sufferings as a weaning from that old sinful habit of always expecting to get your own way. Then you'll be able to live out your days free to pursue what God wants instead of being tyrannized by what you want.

MSG 1 Peter 4:1-2

### **The Mind** *Have The Same Attitude*

Since Christ suffered and underwent pain, you must have the same attitude he did; you must be ready to suffer, too. For remember, when your body suffers, sin loses its power, and you won't be spending the rest of your life chasing after evil desires but will be anxious to do the will of God.

TLB 1 Peter 4:1-2

### **The Mind** *Strengthen Yourselves With The Same Way Of Thinking*

Since Christ suffered while he was in his body, strengthen yourselves with the same way of thinking Christ had. The person who has suffered in the body is finished with sin. Strengthen yourselves so that you will live here on earth doing what God wants, not the evil things people want.

NCV 1 Peter 4:1-2

**Arm Yourself With This Attitude** Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

**The Mind** – 1 Peter 4:1-2

**In Context:** Read 1 Peter 4

**Begin With Prayer:** *Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.*

**Meditating On God's Word:** *(What is God speaking to your heart?)*

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**Considering The Words:** *(What words speak to your heart?)*

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**Praying The Scripture:** *(What prayer from your heart will you write?)*

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**What It Means:** *(What questions speak to your heart?)* (Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)

**How has having the mind of Christ changed your thinking regarding yourself?**

How has having the mind of Christ changed your thinking regarding the world?

How has having the mind of Christ changed your thinking regarding sin?

How has having the mind of Christ changed your thinking regarding suffering?

How has having the mind of Christ changed your thinking regarding your purpose in life?

**How has having the mind of Christ changed your thinking regarding God's will?**

**How has having the mind of Christ changed your thinking regarding today, tomorrow and forever?**

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**Living It Out:** *(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)*

Make every effort to arm yourself with the mind of Christ by meditating on and memorizing God's word.

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**Seeing It Happen:** *(What are you trusting God for in our heart?)*

Have faith that having the mind of Christ will arm you to live for Him in this world.

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**Get Ready To Share:** *(What can you share with others from your heart?)*

Share with another person or your small group how you arm yourself with the mind of Christ to live for Him.

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**Close With Prayer:** *Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you arm yourself with the mind of Christ so that you can live for Him in this world*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will arm myself with your mind so I can live for you in this world.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I arm myself with your mind so I can live for you in this world?*

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