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*A study  
in 1<sup>st</sup> Peter*

# Swamp People





How to be at home,  
away from home...

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1 PETER 4:1-11



# Key #1: Live as strangers-

*1:1 To God's elect, strangers in the world...*

*1:17 live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear...*

*2:11 Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.*



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*1 Peter 4:1-2 <sup>1</sup>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,<sup>2</sup> 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.*

**Key # 2:**

**Arm Yourself with the same  
purpose that Jesus had!**



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You are King : *Fulfilling personal desires.*

**LUST, DRUNKENNESS, ORGIES,  
CAROUSING & IDOLATRY**

*3 For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry.*



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People will think you're "strange" if  
you don't plunge in with them...

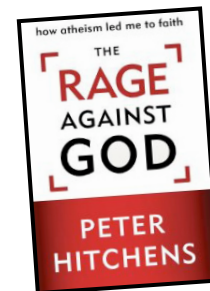
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*1Pet. 4:4-5 They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into  
the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you. 5 But they will  
have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.*



I have felt proper fear, not very often but often enough to know that is an important gift that helps us to think clearly at moments of danger.. Those who do not feel it are in permanent peril because they cannot see the risk that lie at their feet.

**“The Rage Against God”**, by Peter Hitchens. pg. 103-104





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## God is King : we serve, He rules.

*1Pet. 4:7-11 The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. <sup>8</sup> Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup> Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup> Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it 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.*







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2. LOVE OTHERS.

3. PRACTICE HOSPITALITY

4. USING YOUR GIFTS TO  
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B. LOVE OTHERS. vs. 8

C. PRACTICE HOSPITALITY. vs. 9

D. USING YOUR GIFTS TO  
CREATE, SHAPE & SERVE. vs. 10



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-Am I using them for *selfish* purposes?

-Am I honoring God with them by *serving and building* His Kingdom?





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