

I Peter 1:13; 4:7 “AN END TIMES ‘GO BAG’”

I Peter 1:13 – NIV: Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.

I Peter 4:7 – NIV: The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray.

I. A Prepared _____ 1:13 – prepare your minds for action; 4:7 – be alert
KJV “gird up the loins of your mind.”

- A. Going on a long journey Ex. 12:11
- B. Going to serve
- C. Going to _____ – Eph 6:14
- D. Facing a challenge Job 38:3

Do we need a prepared mind?

- A. Going on a long journey. The finish line is _____!

Prepare your mind for the long haul.

- B. Going to serve. We have to prepare our minds to serve.
- C. Going into _____. This takes mental preparation.
- D. Facing a challenge “The battle is won _____ the battle is begun.”

4:7 – “alert”. You could translate it “be clear minded.”

Prov. 23:7 – as you think in your heart, so are you

Rom. 12:2 – be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

How can I have a prepared mind?

- 1. I must put out of – and try to _____ out of – my mind all things that would hinder my spiritual sanity.
- 2. I must keep _____ at the center of my mind.

II. CONTROLLED EMOTIONS – 1:13; 4:7

It has with it the idea of the opposite of living in a frenzy or panic. Be level headed.

Keep your _____. I Peter 5:8; I Thess. 5:6; Luke 21:36

III. HOPE 1:13; 1:3 (cf. Lam. 3)

A. God brings hope in the midst of challenges – v. 21 – 23: “Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: ²² Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

B. Hope tells me God is actively involved in my life for _____.
v. 25 - The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him...

IV. PRAYER - 4:7 – our minds are to be prepared, our emotions are to be controlled, and we must hold on to hope SO WE CAN _____!!

