

A photograph showing three people silhouetted against a bright sun rising over a mountain range. The sun is high in the sky, creating a lens flare effect. The people are standing on a dark, rocky outcrop, and their arms are raised in a gesture of celebration or praise. The background consists of rolling mountains and a valley filled with a soft, golden light from the rising sun. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with some wispy clouds.

How to Live and
Die Well
2 Peter 1:12-15

Four Ways to Live and Die Well

1. Live with Death in Mind

Peter believed his own death was imminent

Peter spoke of his death plainly (see v. 15)

The word *decease* is the Greek word *exodos*

Leaving one place on your way to another place

1. Live with Death in Mind

Peter was in his seventies when he wrote this

It is wise to live with death in mind

Taking a stroll through a cemetery can be more helpful
than a weekend in Vegas

1. Live with Death in Mind

When you spend some time thinking about the end of your life, you're dealing with the basics, and you become real

God has made an appointment for your death; the problem is; He didn't tell you when that appointment is

2. Live Like You're Camping Out

Tent (vv. 13-14) speaks of nomads traveling in tents, temporary shelters, on their way from one place to another

When a person dies, it's like taking down one's tent

2. Live Like You're Camping Out

2 Corinthians 5:1

We know that if our earthly house, this tent is destroyed we have a building from God, a house not made with hands that is eternal in the heavens

The real you is not your tent; the real you is your spirit

Don't make life all about your tent

3. Live for the Benefit of Others

Peter's focus was on others

2 Peter 1

The word *your* appears four times

The word *you* appears eleven times

3. Live for the Benefit of Others

Peter lived for the benefit of others in two ways

He reminded them (see v. 12)

He woke them up (see v. 13)

Stir up could be translated *arouse, wake up from lethargy or drowsiness*

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Sometimes it's so easy to become drowsy and lethargic
in the light of the gospel truth

In the coming text, Peter wrote head-on about the
danger of false prophets and teachers in the church

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Even nearing death, Peter lived his life for others

"A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small package"

But the Bible says if you want a joyful life, think about others more than yourself