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"Better to suffer for doing right, if that should be God's will, than for doing wrong."

1 Peter 3:17



The path of least resistance



*The deciding life is “case by case”,
“mood by mood”*

*For the time that is past suffices for
doing what the Gentiles want to do,
living in sensuality, passions,
drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties,
and lawless idolatry.*

1 Peter 4:3



*Harbor no nostalgia for the bad
old days.*

*With respect to this they are surprised
when you do not join them in the same
flood of debauchery, and they malign
you...*

1 Peter 4:4

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*but they will give account to him who
is ready to judge the living and the
dead.*

1 Peter 4:5

For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

1 Peter 4:6

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Love provides margin in relationships

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10



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.

1 Peter 4:11