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2. I should _____.

(1 Peter 4:8-9) Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

3. I should _____.

(1 Peter 4:10-11) Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 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.

4. I should _____.

(2 Peter 3:11) Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be?

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