

“Better Together”
1 Peter 4:7-11

Central Idea: We always need each other, but sometimes it is more obvious than others - like when times are hard.

#1 - Praying (7)

“Now the end of all things is at hand”

imminent - combines 2 conditions: _____ & _____

- certain to occur at _____ time, uncertain at _____ time

The return of Christ is always linked with responsible _____.

Two qualities that are to characterize our praying.

- 1) sound judgment: seeing situations _____ - correctly
- 2) sober spirit: taking the situation _____

Our prayers will be more effective.

Application: We need to be _____ for one another.

1. Prayer draws us _____ together (unity in praying together)
2. Prayer _____ us - reminds us we need God
3. Prayer _____ others - we seek God on behalf of others
4. Prayer _____ us - we learn & grow spiritually thru prayer

#2 - Loving (8)

- “ferveant” - athletics - runner who _____ to win the race
 - We give it our _____ - We exert ourselves in loving one another.

- “because love covers a multitude of sins” (quote Proverbs 10:12)
Biblical love extends even to those who _____ you.

Application: Biblical love is often more _____ than sweet. (Cole)

#3 - Sharing (hospitality) (9)

Showing hospitality - sharing our _____ with other believers

“without complaint” - without _____ or _____

Application: Do you make _____ in your life to share with others?

#4 - Serving (10-11b)

“good stewards” - good _____ - benefits _____

Spiritual gifts:

- Everyone believer has at least _____ spiritual gift
- They’re given by _____
- They’re to be used to serve the _____ for the benefit of others

Two general categories of spiritual gifts:

- _____ gifts:
- _____ gifts:

Everyone has something to _____ to the church family.

Application: Church is not a _____ sport.

- Not a matter of _____ I should serve, but where _____ I serve

Doxology

Peter concludes this section with praise to God. (11b)

- We do _____ things for God's glory.