

DIFFERENT: PRIORITIES

⁷The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:7-11)

Be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. . . . Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes (Luke 12:40,43)

1. **DEEP PRAYER LIFE**

be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. (1 Peter 4:7b)

¹³Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ (1 Pet. 1:13)

Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. (James 4:2 NLT)

2. **LOVE NO MATTER WHAT**

And I will show you a still more excellent way.....⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. (1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:4-8)

3. **GENEROUS HOSPITALITY**

Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. (1 Peter 4:9)

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. (Philippians 2:14-16)

4. **CONSISTANT CONTRIBUTOR**

¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies...(1Peter 4:10-11a)

Memory Verse

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' (Matthew 25:23)

5. **GLORIFY GOD**

in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:11b)

⁹Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation. ¹⁰For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. ¹¹And we desire each one of you to show the

same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹²so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. (Hebrews 6:9-12)

GOING DEEPER

1. How has your perspective on time changed as you have gotten older?
2. Do you see a connection between your prayer life and your walk with Christ?
3. Who are you struggling to love no matter what?
4. How does generous hospitality apply to whom I spend time with?
5. How am I being a channel of grace with my resources? (time, talents, treasures)
6. Be honest, who am I really living for? What evidence is there to show your priorities?
7. Have you found joy in your Master's work? Why or why not?