

In Light of Eternity

1 Peter 4:7-11

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1. The _____ for the _____ (7)

- “The assertion that the end of the age does indeed stand near and may break in at any time well represents the view of the early church.” – D. Edmond Hiebert
- If you believe we are living in the last days, does your _____ reflect that?
- Other translations for alert and sober-minded: “earnest and disciplined,” “sound judgment and sober spirit,” “serious or watchful.”
- Since our _____ is found in prayer, we should be serious and diligent in the way we approach God in prayer for our mission.

2. The _____ for the _____ (8)

- *agapē* – Christian love; sacrificial love. *See* 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.
- There is nothing more _____ you can do than share the gospel with someone. *See* James 5:19-20.
- *allēlōn* – speaking about the relationship within the family of faith. *See* Romans 12:10, 12:16; Ephesians 4:2,32; Hebrews 10:24-25; James 4:11, 5:9,16.
 - “Where love abounds in a fellowship of Christians, many small offences, and even some large ones, are readily overlooked and forgotten. But where love is lacking, every word is viewed with suspicion, every action is liable to misunderstanding, and conflicts abound – to Satan’s perverse delight.” – Wayne Grudem

3. The _____ for the _____ (9-11)

- *ēkklēsia* – a calling out; community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both; assembly. *See* Matthew 16:18.
 - Believers should be “hospitable to one another without complaining.”
 - *philōxēnōs* – fond of guests. *See* Titus 1:7-9, 1 Timothy 3:2-3.
 - *gōggusmōs* – a grumbling: grudging, murmuring. *See* Philippians 2:14, 1 Corinthians 10:10, Numbers 14:29.
- Grumbling and complaining will _____ a local church because it tears at the very fabric of our _____.