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**Designed to Serve**  
Serving Others God's Way

1 Peter 4:7–11 (HCSB)

*Now the end of all things is near; therefore, be serious and disciplined for prayer.*

<sup>8</sup> Above all, maintain an intense love for each other, since love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup> Be hospitable to one another without complaining. <sup>10</sup> Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God. <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, it should be as one who speaks God's words; if anyone serves, it should be from the strength God provides, so that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ in everything. To Him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

**1. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE TIMES DRIVES US TO PRAY**

v 7 *Now the end of all things is near; therefore, be serious and disciplined for prayer.*

Romans 13:12 (HCSB) *The night is nearly over, and the daylight is near, so let us discard the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.*

**2. THE \_\_\_\_\_ TO SERVE IS LOVE**

v 8 *Above all, maintain an intense love for each other, since love covers a multitude of sins.*

Proverbs 10:12 (HCSB) *Hatred stirs up conflicts, but love covers all offenses.*

Galatians 5:13 (HCSB) *For you were called to be free, brothers; only don't use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh but serve one another through love.*

Philippians 2:1–4 (HCSB)

*If then there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, <sup>2</sup> fulfill my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, sharing the same feelings, focusing on one goal.*

<sup>3</sup> *Do nothing out of rivalry or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Everyone should look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.*

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ SETS THE TONE FOR SERVICE**

v 9 *Be hospitable to one another without complaining.*

Hebrews 13:1–2 (HCSB) *Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup> Don't neglect to show hospitality, for by doing this some have welcomed angels as guests without knowing it.*

Romans 15:1–2 (HCSB) *Now we who are strong have an obligation to bear the weaknesses of those without strength, and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup> Each one of us must please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.*

**4. YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN \_\_\_\_\_ TO SERVE OTHERS**

v 10 *Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God.*

1 Corinthians 14:12 (HCSB) *So also you - since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, seek to excel in building up the church.*

**5. GOD PROVIDES THE \_\_\_\_\_ YOU NEED TO EXERCISE YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

v 11a *If anyone speaks, it should be as one who speaks God's words; if anyone serves, it should be from the strength God provides...*

**There are two main categories of spiritual gifts:**

Speaking gifts  
Serving gifts

**6. GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_ IN YOUR SERVICE TO OTHERS**

v 11b *...so that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ in everything. To Him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.*

Ephesians 3:21 (HCSB) *...to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

**The Next Step:**

Recognizing the urgency of the day, serve others with love and the gifting you have received.