

HOW TO SERVE GOD WHOLEHEARTEDLY

1 Peter 4:7-11





HOW TO SERVE GOD WHOLEHEARTEDLY

1 Peter 4:7-11

1Pet. 4:7 The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.

8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Be hospitable to one another without complaint. 10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

HOW TO SERVE GOD WHOLEHEARTEDLY

1 Peter 4:7-11

**Four habits of the heart that will lead to
SUSTAINABLE ZEAL as we serve Christ...**

Serve Christ wholeheartedly through...

I. URGENT PRAYER (vs. 7)

1Pet. 4:7 The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober *spirit* for the purpose of prayer.





RUTH BELL GRAHAM

JUNE 10, 1920 - JUNE 14, 2007

*End of Construction—
Thank you for your patience"*



BILLY
GRAHAM

NOVEMBER 7, 1918 - FEBRUARY 21, 2018

PREACHER OF THE
OF THE LORD JESUS
John 14:6

Serve Christ wholeheartedly through...

I. URGENT PRAYER (vs. 7)

1Pet. 4:7 The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober *spirit* for the purpose of prayer.

“When Billy Graham was asked about the most important steps in preparing for an evangelistic outreach, he always answered that there were three things that mattered most: Prayer, prayer and prayer.” —Cliff Barrows

Serve Christ wholeheartedly through...

I. URGENT PRAYER (vs. 7)

1Pet. 4:7 The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober *spirit* for the purpose of prayer.

End=*telos*: the goal or culmination

“2Pet. 3:8 But do not let this one *fact* escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. 9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”

Serve Christ wholeheartedly through...

II. FERVENT LOVE (vs. 8,9)

1 Peter 4:8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

9 Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

- **Fervent love is a stretching love.**

Fervent=*EKTENE*: extended or stretched out like an athlete straining every muscle toward a goal

- **Fervent love is a forgiving love.**

**Prov. 10:12 Hatred stirs up dissension,
but love covers over all wrongs.**

Serve Christ wholeheartedly through...

II. FERVENT LOVE (vs. 8,9)

1 Peter 4:8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

9 Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

- **Fervent love is hospitable without complaint.**

“True Christian hospitality is making people feel at home, when you wish they were at home.”-Donald Coggan

Serve Christ wholeheartedly through...

II. FERVENT LOVE (vs. 8,9)

1 Peter 4:8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

9 Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

“Hospitality opens the door to uncommon community. It's no accident that hospitality and hospital come from the same Latin word, for they both lead to the same result: healing. When you open your door to someone, you are sending this message: "You matter to me and to God." You may think you are saying, "Come over for a visit." But what your guest hears is, "I'm worth the effort.” ”-Max Lucado

Fervent Love is..(vs. 8,9)

STRETCHING

FORGIVING

HOSPITABLE

Serve Christ wholeheartedly through...

III. GRATEFUL ACTION (vs. 10)

1 Peter 4:10 As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

- **Accept that you have a supernatural gift in Christ.**
- **Activate your spiritual gift to benefit others.**
- **Manage your spiritual gift with gratitude.**

Serve Christ wholeheartedly through...

IV. EMPOWERING NEED (vs. 11)

1 Peter 4:11 Whoever speaks, *is to do so* as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves *is to do so* as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- We NEED to represent God in all we say.**
- We NEED God's endless strength in all we do.**
- We NEED to see God glorified through our service.**

Serve Christ wholeheartedly through...

I. URGENT P. RAYER (vs. 7)

II. FERVENT L. OVE (vs. 8,9)

III. GRATEFUL A. CTION (vs. 10)

IV. EMPOWERING N. EED (vs. 11)