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1 Peter 4:7-11

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 multifaceted grace of God. 11 Whoever speaks is to do so as one who is speaking actual words 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.

Sermon Points

- 1. Praying with <u>clarity</u> and <u>good judgment</u> (7)
- 2. 2. Love <u>forgives</u> and is <u>hospitable</u> (8-9)
- 3. 3. Love <u>serves</u> by using the gifts received for the good of the Church (10-11)
 - a. As good <u>stewards</u> (10b)
- 4. Love serves according to the <u>Word</u> and <u>power</u> of God (11ab)
- 5. Love serves for the <u>glory</u> of God (11c)

Questions

1. What should motivate our service? How does our love for Christ ignite our love for His church and motivate us to serve others in the church?

2. For whose benefit have our gifts been given (see 1 Corinthians 12:4-7)? Should we serve when is convenient to us or where our church needs us?

3. Have you identified the manifestations of God's grace in you? Please consider joining our Sunday school class Fundamentals of faith and study doctrine of the Holy Spirit.

4. How are you personally stewarding your spiritual gifts and using them for the good of Christ's church? If you are not serving already, how could your gifts bless Emmanuel?

5. Where do you see needs in Emmanuel? Since spiritual gifts come from the Holy Spirit, how could the Lord equip you to meet the needs you see in His Church? How can you personally serve in the areas of need in Emmanuel, trusting in the power of God to enable you to obey?

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6. Think of someone in Emmanuel whose service has blessed you through their obedience to Christ. How can you encourage them this week? (see Hebrews 10:24-25).