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Series: Hope for a Hopeless World

Title: What to Do When Time is Short?

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:7-11

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What would you do if you knew you only had a _____ amount of _____ to live?

1 Peter 4:7a ESV

7 The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.

What does a Christian do if the _____ is approaching?

“A short life is long enough to prepare for eternity.” — John Owen

1. Maximize your _____

1 Peter 4:7-10 ESV

7 The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. 8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.

A. Be clear minded, so you can pray

“A mind victimized by emotion and passion, out of control, or knocked out of balance by worldly lusts and pursuits, is a mind that cannot know the fullness of holy communion in prayer with God. A mind fixed on His return is purified and enjoys the fullness of fellowship with the Lord.” — John F. MacArthur Jr., The MacArthur Bible Commentary (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2005), 1 Pe 4:7.

“I pray because I can’t help myself. I pray because I’m helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn’t change God. It changes me.” — C.S. Lewis

1 Peter 4:8-10 ESV

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B. _____ one another well

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 ESV

4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things

B. _____ one another well

i. Love one another well in their _____

1 Peter 4:8 ESV

8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

You don't cover up sin, but you cover sin with love

ii. Love one another well in your _____

1 Peter 4:9 ESV

9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

Hosting vs. Hospitality

iii. Love one another well with your _____

1 Peter 4:10 ESV

10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

Identify your gifts - Ask other Christians what they see in you, start trying things, grow in your skill, and use them to serve others.

1. Maximize your _____

2. Use your _____ for God's timeless _____

1 Peter 4:11 ESV

11 whoever 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.

Both groups function through dependence on God's gracious provision. The reason for relying on God's words and strength is that God will receive the praise through Jesus Christ. — Roger M. Raymer, "1 Peter," in The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 2 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 854.

**With the time you have left, _____ well
and _____ God**