

### LIVING WITH HOSPITALITY

*The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.*

1 Peter 4:7-10 (NIV)

#### ❖ Show Hospitality Through LOVE.

1. Love others by PRAYING for them.

*The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.*

1 Peter 4:7 (NIV)

2. Love others by ACCEPTING them.

*Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.*

1 Peter 4:8 (NIV)

3. Love others by MINISTERING to them.

*Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.*

1 Peter 4:9 (NIV)

#### ❖ Show Hospitality Through SERVING.

1. When we CHOOSE to serve we are sharing the GRACE of Christ.

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.*

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

2. When we COMMIT to serve we are fulfilling our PURPOSE in Christ.

*If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides...*

1 Peter 4:11a (NIV)

3. When we accept the CALL to serve we are expressing our WORSHIP of Christ.

*... so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

1 Peter 4:11b (NIV)

#### ❖ Show Hospitality, Despite SUFFERING.

1. Suffering draws us CLOSER to CHRIST.

*Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.*

1 Peter 4:12-13 (NIV)

2. Suffering grows us into the IMAGE of CHRIST.

*If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.*

1 Peter 4:14-16 (NIV)

3. Suffering reminds us of our DEPENDENCE on CHRIST.

*For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And, "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.*

1 Peter 4:17-19 (NIV)

Love without EXCEPTION; Serve without RESERVATION; Suffer without WHINING.