

# END- TIMES ETHICS

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## Context of Passage

- Suffering is inevitable and we are to remain pure.
- All things are soon to be consummated; the climax of history is at hand. Jesus Christ is returning and He is returning soon.
- Meanwhile are we to live, with vengeance or humility?

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**<sup>7</sup> Now the end of all things is near; therefore, be clear-headed and disciplined for prayer.**

**<sup>8</sup> Above all, keep your love for one another at full strength, since love covers a multitude of sins.**

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**<sup>9</sup> Be hospitable to one another without complaining.**

**<sup>10</sup> Based on the gift they have received, everyone should use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God.**

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**11 If anyone speaks, [his speech should be] like the oracles of God; if anyone serves, [his service should be] from the strength God provides, so that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.**

# 1. Be Prayerful

*...clear minded and disciplined for prayer*

The two verbs “be clear minded” (*sōphronēsate*) and “be self-controlled” (*nēpsate*) are virtually synonymous and should be understood together. Indeed, the word “prayers” is attached to both verbs.

Believers should think sensibly as they contemplate the brevity of life in this world.

## 2. Be Loving

*...keep your love for one another at full strength.*

The word “full strength” (*ektenēs*) is an athletic word. It means to stretch and reach out; to strain and exert to the utmost degree just like an athlete in a race. Give it your all.

This is far more than the human love of warm feelings and attraction. It is far more than sentimental and caring feelings for a person, it is the ultimate love of sacrifice.

## 2. Be Loving

*... since love covers a multitude of sins.*

When believers lavish love on others, the sins and offenses of others are overlooked.

Keeps us from saying or acting in wrong way.

Proverbs 10:12: “Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs.”

### 3. Be Hospitable

*Be hospitable to one another without complaining.*

Hospitality was an absolute essential for the early church, and it is an absolute essential within the church today.

Why?

It is almost impossible to maintain a loving and caring church and having dynamic ministries unless believers are fellowshipping together in their homes and/or outside of the church building.

### 3. Be Hospitable

Based on the gift they have received, everyone should use it to serve others, Every believer's task is to use his gift to build up believers in the church, in witnessing, and ministering to the world. The great tragedy is that most believers just do not know anything about spiritual gifts.

### 3. Be Hospitable

*...as good managers (steward) of the varied grace of God.*

*the believer is to serve by being a good steward of the grace or gift of God.*

The steward was a slave who was given the responsibility of the master's estate, both his home and property. He was in full charge of all the affairs of the master.

## 4. Be Glorifying

*...that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.*

How is God glorified?

Our love, our hospitality and our service.

This is the sole aim of the believer.

All that we do is to bring Him glory.

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Are we living like it is the end?

God has called us to live –  
Prepared  
Loving  
Serving

**Are we?**

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