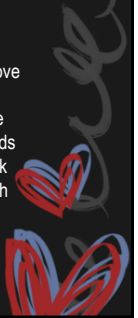




1 Peter 4:7-11

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.



1 Peter 4:1-6 - Context

Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you. They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead ...

Introduction

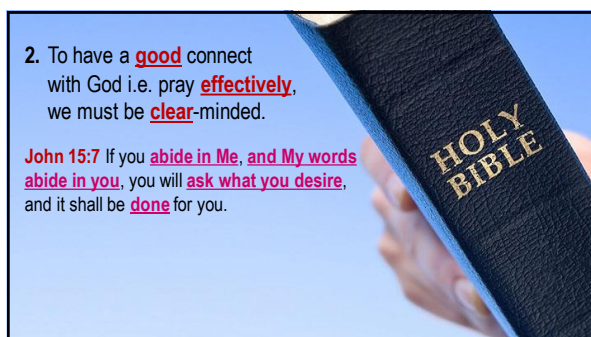
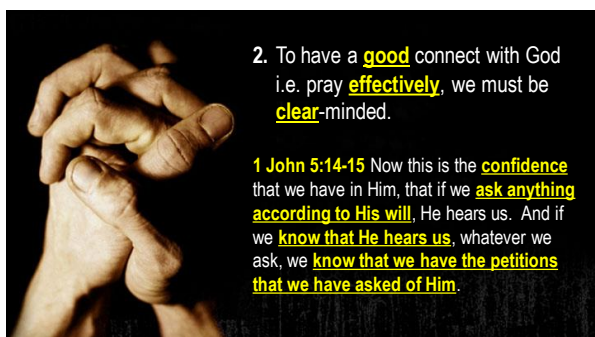
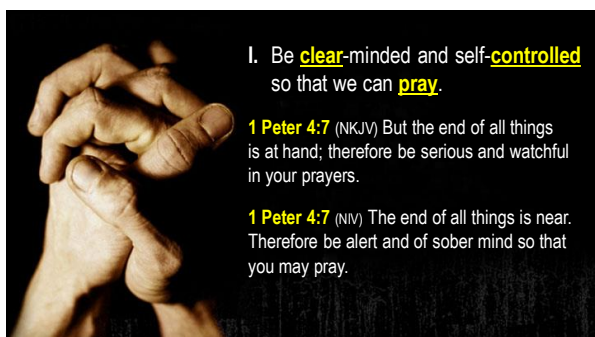
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2. To have a **good** connect with God i.e. pray **effectively**, we must be **clear**-minded.

James 1:8 he is a **double-minded man**, **unstable** in all his ways.



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3. To have a **good** connect with God i.e. pray **effectively**, we must have **self-control**.

2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV) For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a **sound mind**.

2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV) For the **Spirit God** gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and **self-discipline**.



- II. Love each other **deeply** because love **covers** a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8 And above all things have **fervent love for one another**, for "**love will cover a multitude of sins**."



1. Love needs to cover a multitude of sins because we are all on the **journey** to grow into Christlikeness.

Romans 3:23 for **all have sinned** and **fall short** of the glory of God ...



2. In this journey towards Christlikeness, we are still sorting out the **baggage** that hinders.

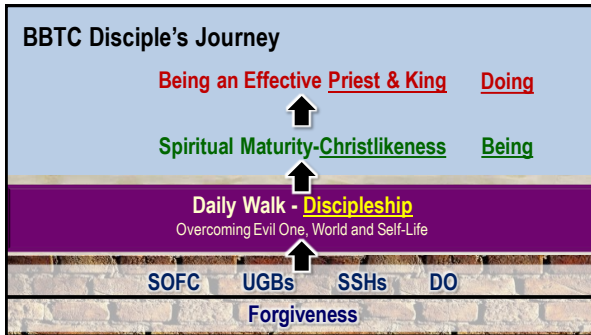
Hebrews 12:1 ... let us throw off **everything that hinders** ...



3. In this journey towards Christlikeness, we are still sorting out the **sin** that entangles.

Hebrews 12:1 ... the **sin that so easily entangles** ...

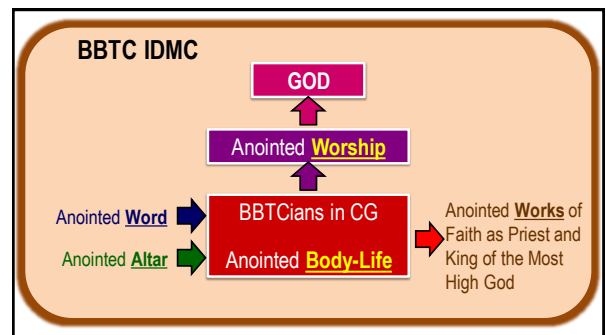




III. Be **hospitable** to one another without **grumbling**.

1 Peter 4:9 Be **hospitable** to one another without **grumbling**.

Philippians 2:14 **Do ALL THINGS without grumbling and complaining** —because it will be a shining testimony to those people who live in a dark, crooked and perverse world!"



III. Be **hospitable** to one another without **grumbling**.

Matthew 25:35, 38-40 for I was **hungry** and you gave Me **food**; I was **thirsty** and you gave Me **drink**; I was a **stranger** and you **took Me in** ... to the extent, you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you have done it unto me.'

IV. **Serve** one another with your **gifting**.

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

IV. Serve one another with your gifting.

Romans 12:4-8 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.



IV. Serve one another with your gifting.

Romans 12:9-13 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honour giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.



V. When we speak, do so as one speaking the very Words of God.

1 Peter 4:11a If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God.



1. The mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart.

Matthew 12:34b (AMP) For out of the fullness (the overflow, the superabundance) of the heart the mouth speaks.



2. We must therefore guard our hearts.

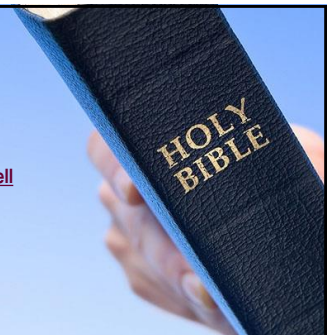
Proverbs 4:23 (NIV) Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.



3A. Fill our hearts richly with the Word of God.

Colossians 3:16a (NASB) Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you ...



3B. We will then be filled with wisdom.

Colossians 3:16b (NASB)
... with all wisdom teaching and
admonishing ...

3C. We will then be filled with
the Love of God overflowing
into thanksgiving, praise and
worship.

Colossians 3:16c (NASB) ... another with
psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing with thankfulness in your hearts
to God.

3C. We will then be filled with
the Love of God overflowing
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worship.

Romans 5:5 Now hope does not disappoint,
because the love of God has been poured
out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who
was given to us.

4. God will confirm His Word
and counsel through you.

Isaiah 44:26a Who confirms the word
of His servant, and performs the counsel
of His messengers ...

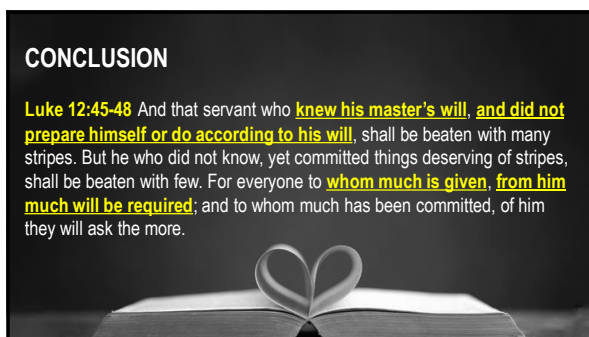
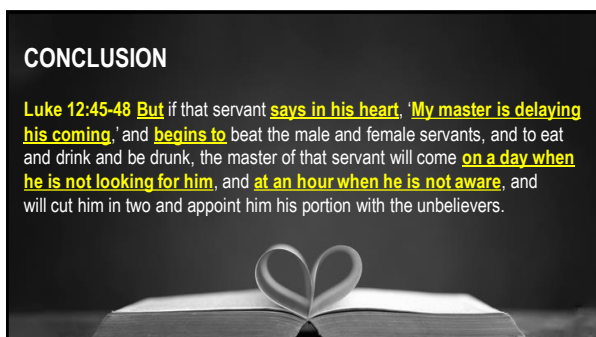
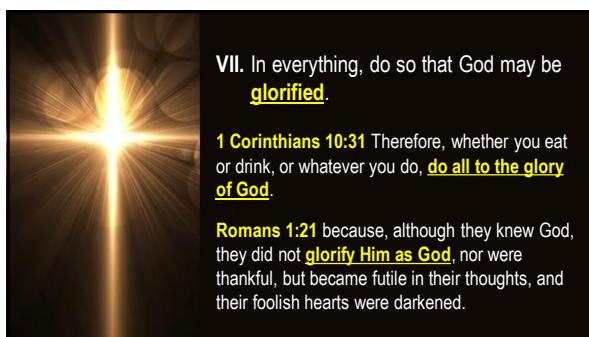
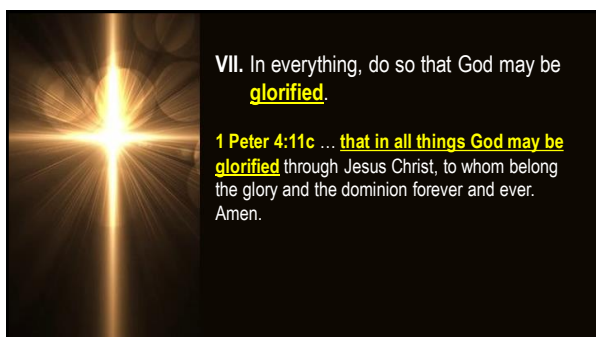
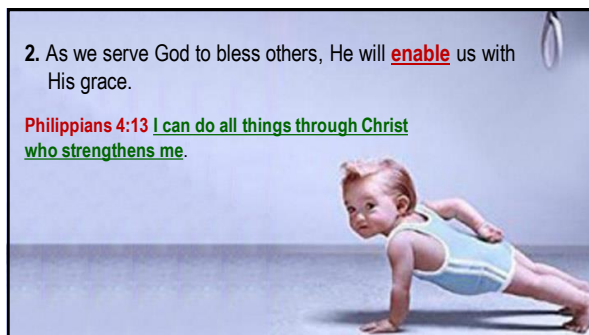
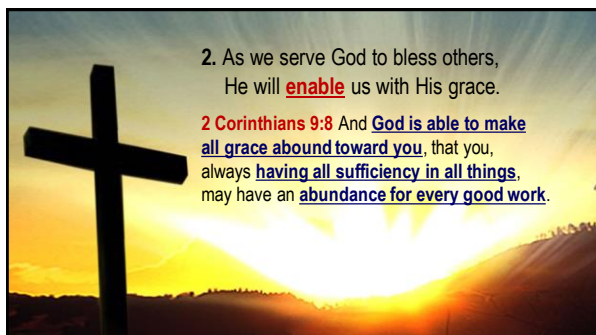
VI. When we serve, we should do it with the strength that
God provides.

1 Peter 4:11b ... If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability
which God supplies ...

1. We must always serve with total
dependency on the Holy Spirit.

Zechariah 4:6 So he answered and said to me:
"This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel:
'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,'
says the Lord of hosts.

Philippians 3:3 For we are the circumcision,
who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ
Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh
...



CONCLUSION

1 John 3:18 (NIV) Dear children, let us not love with words or speech [tongue] but with actions and in truth.

Titus 1:16a (NIV) They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him.

