

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

**Sermon Notes for November 25-26, 1995**

**"A Christians Duty in a Hostile World"**

**1 Peter 8:7-11**

What do we learn about duty in this passage?

The INCENTIVE "The end of all things is at hand..."

"end" (TELOS) - Fulfillment or Consummation

The "end of all things" - Is the day when the living as well as the dead who are in Christ are gathered together with Him and given their glorified bodies (I Thess. 4:13-17)

"at hand" (ENGGIKEN) - Communicates "immanency"

or in other words there are no other events that we need to look for before the "end of all things"

We must therefore live in expectancy

The INSTRUCTIONS

Duties to the One above (I Peter 4:7) - Prayer

"sound judgment" (SOPHRONESATE) - clear thinking

"Sober Spirit" (NEPSATE) - Free of intoxication

Duties to one another (I Peter 4:8-11)

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We are to fervently love one another ( I Peter 4:8)

"covers a multitude of sins"

It doesn't mean that we can ignore sin

(Matthew 18:15-17, Titus 3:10-11)

It means that we must forgive sin

(Proverbs 10:12)

"be hospitable to one another" -Love of Strangers

"employ it in serving one another" - Service

Spiritual gift - It is whatever capacity that the Lord has graciously given us in order to minister to the church.

The issue is not what we \_\_\_\_\_ do but rather getting about doing what we \_\_\_\_\_ do as good stewards.

The INTENTIONS

What is the ultimate goal of the exercising of the gifts? The Glory of God (I Peter 4:11)

Speaking gifts - By being conscious that what he is saying is God's message for the occasion.

Serving gifts - By being conscious that what he is doing is in God's strength.