

## TITLE: MINISTER ONE TO ANOTHER

"But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. 8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. 9 Use hospitality one to another without grudging. 10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." (1 Peter 4:7–11)

### INTRODUCTION

Quote: "[Peter] has in mind the return of Jesus Christ. The incentive for faithful living is to live in constant expectancy of Christ's sudden return."

**Quote:** "Therefore, first those were seized who admitted their faith, and then, using the information they provided, a vast multitude were convicted, not so much for the crime of burning the city, but for hatred of the human race. And perishing they were additionally made into sports: they were killed by dogs by having the hides of beasts attached to them, or they were nailed to crosses or set aflame, and, when the daylight passed away, they were used as nighttime lamps. Nero gave his own gardens for this spectacle and performed a Circus game..."—Tacitus, First Century Historian

# 1. Minister in

Quote: "Ministry starts with who we are, not what we do."

Α.

#### FERVENT LOVE

Quote: "The word pictures an athlete straining to reach the goal. It speaks of eagerness and intensity. Christian love is something we have to work at just the way an athlete works on his skills. It is not a matter of emotional feeling, though that is included, but of dedicated will."-Warren Wiersbe

Quote: "Arrogance is big-headed, but love is big-hearted."

FAMILY LOVE

#### B.

LOVE IS KIND

Quote: "Resentment is careful to keep books. Love keeps no books."

"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." (Psalm 103:12)

#### LOVE IS HEALING

"Hatred stirreth up strifes: But love covereth all sins." (Proverbs 10:12)

## 2. Minister with

### A. The of Hospitality

"A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;" (1 Timothy 3:2)

"But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;" (Titus 1:8)

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Hospitality

Definition: grudging-murmuring, a secret debate or displeasure

# 3. Minister with \_\_\_\_\_

A.

### \_\_\_\_\_Your Gifts

### GIFTS OF MINISTRY

"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." (1 Corinthians 12:7)

"That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another." (1 Corinthians 12:25)

**Quote:** "Each Christian must know what his spiritual gifts are and what ministry (or ministries) he is to have in the local church. It is not wrong for a Christian to recognize gifts in his own life and in the lives of others. What is wrong is the tendency to have a false evaluation of ourselves."—**Warren Wiersbe** 

### SPIRITUAL GIFTS

- □ Prophecy (Discernment)
- □ Service
- □ Teaching
- □ Encouragement
- □ Giving
- □ Ruling (Administration)
- □ Mercy

### GIFTS OF GRACE

**Definition:** *steward*—the manager of another's household or goods

**Definition:** *manifold*—various, diverse

B.

**Your Gifts** 

BY SPEAK ING

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. "(2 Corinthians 4:5)

### BY MINISTERING

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. "(John 15:4–5)

**Quote:** 'The measure of a man's greatness is not how many people serve him, but how many he serves.'—**Curtis Hutson** 

"For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another." (Galatians 5:13)

**Quote:** "I think I began learning long ago that those who are happiest are those who do the most for others." **—Booker T. Washington** 

## CONCLUSION

"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

