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# STRANGERS:

loving from the margins



The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God.

If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, 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 4:7-11*

The end of all things is near

Return of Christ

“The Day of the Lord”

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

*2 Peter 3:9*





But God chose the **foolish** things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the **weak** things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the **lowly** things of this world and the despised things—**and the things that are not**—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.

*1 Corinthians 1:27-29*



The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.

*Matthew 13:31-32*

The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.

*Matthew 13:33*



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through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory  
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# The end of all things is near, therefore...

4:7 – Be alert & of sober mind → prayer

4:8 – Above all, love each other deeply

4:10 – Serve one another with your gifts

4:9 – Offer hospitality to one another

# Hospitality

Opening your heart and home to share your life in a way that invites strangers to become neighbors, and neighbors to become family.









Lord Oliver Cromwell

“Paint me as I am,  
warts and all”

#nofilter



# Offer Hospitality...

- “...to one another”
  - Church
  - Individual Believers
- Overflow to strangers & neighbors

Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid.

*Luke 14:12*

But when you give a banquet, invite the poor,  
the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will  
be blessed. Although they cannot repay you,  
you will be repaid at the resurrection of the  
righteous.”

*Luke 14:13-14*





Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to  
be used to his own advantage;  
rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very  
nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he  
humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

*Philippians 2:6-8*

