

# THE 5G LIFE: GIVE TIME

## 1 Peter 4:7-11

October 29/30 2016



1. Are there people in your life that are easier to serve than others? Being honest, who are the most difficult people for you to serve, and why is that?
2. Read **Acts 20:35**, **Matthew 20:28**, and **John 13:14-17**. If we look at just the example of Jesus' life, how was his love most revealed? As you look at your life is your love shown in the same ways?
3. Fill in the blanks to complete the summary statement from this week's message:

*If I live for him, I must \_\_\_\_\_*

4. Have you ever considered your prayers as a way to serve others? If you begin to think of prayer as an opportunity of service, what do you need to change about your prayer life?
5. In the boxes below, put your own definition to two key terms from **verse 7**:

"self-controlled"	
"sober-minded"	

6. Daniel Henderson was quoted as saying that, *"The devil does not have to destroy a Christian; he only has to distract him."* What kinds of worldly lullabies are distracting you in grogginess and apathy in your life? Is there a spiritual urgency in your life right now?
7. Can you specifically point in the last seven days, to a love that cost you, stretched you, or strained you? Is there someone in particular that the Lord is laying on your heart to love this way in the next seven days?
8. Read **Hebrews 13:2** and **1 Peter 4:9**. Since hospitality is a command rather than an option, what do you need to do specifically to obey God's word? What is one way you can show hospitality to God's people within your group?

### Personal reflection questions:

- Read **2 Corinthians 9**. Am I struggling with cheerful, sacrificial, and generous stewardship in the Christian life...?
  - ...in giving my time to serve the local church?
  - ...in giving my finances to the local church?
  - ...in giving my love and praying for others around me?
- Have I had a season of grumbling in my heart against this church, or its leadership? What is God telling me about this today?
- Is the bulk of what I do here at Harvest Bible Chapel 'consumeristic'? That is, do I view this church from a perspective of what I can get from it?

<sup>7</sup> *The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.*<sup>8</sup> *Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.*<sup>9</sup> *Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.*<sup>10</sup> *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:*<sup>11</sup> *whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies--in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

