

- I. Premise: we are in the last days.
 - A. What Jesus has accomplished
 - B. We await now the conclusion of his work
 - C. If you *don't* believe that Jesus has accomplished these things and will next return, you'll want to save the world by improving it, or else to escape it. (Malachi 4:6; Matthew 26:11; Psalm 90:17)

- II. Think rightly and be soberminded for prayer
 - A. Don't think that prayer controls God, and that all the world needs is a mobilization of "prayer warriors".
 - B. Do pray earnestly and intently, confident that God hears us, our prayers are what will most effect change in the world.
 - C. Don't fall into fatalism: thinking that whatever will be, will be, and that prayer is therefore pointless. (James 5:17)
 - D. Do pray with patience: understanding that God has better plans than we do.

- III. Love one another, for love covers over many sins.
 - A. Revenge comes from fear; it starts subtle; it ends only with death or love.
 - B. Love understands that (1) every injury to a human being demands that an infinite price be paid, (2) only God's son can pay this price, (3) he has paid it, and (4) one day he will set everything to right.

- IV. Be hospitable to each other
 - A. Hosting travelers or day-to-day having each other in our homes. (Matthew 25:35; Hebrews 13:2)
 - B. How do we do hospitality like Christians?

- V. Speak/serve as speaking the utterances of God/serving with God's strength.
 - A. It means that we take our teaching and serving within the church deadly seriously.
 - B. If you are teaching in the name of Christ: be Gospel-centered, be practical
 - C. If you are serving: keep it up; look for God's blessings.

- VI. Jesus ...
 - A. Prayed (Matthew 14:23; Luke 22:41-44; 23:34)
 - B. Loved (John 11:35-36; 13:1; Romans 8:37-39)
 - C. Hosted (John 6:11; Luke 22:17,19; Psalm 23:5)
 - D. Spoke God's word; Served in God's strength (John 3:34; Luke 22:27)