

Training & Equipping

- **Sat 6/25 - Monthly with Uncle Ralph/Bill (9-12:15pm)**
- **Sat 6/25 – Half Night Prayer (7-10pm) @ the Kuons**

- **Sun 6/26 – EFC Sharing @ 10:40am (no evening service)**

- **Sat 7/9th – Servant team meeting 9:30am - 12:15pm**

- **World Mandate – Sept 16-17, 2011 @ Waco**
 - **Registration coming in next couple of weeks**

The Last Days – 5

(1Pet 4)

(6 – 19 – 11)

Summary of 2Tim 3-4

Challenging Days Ahead

- People will love only themselves and money
- The 'church' will love pleasures more than God
- Religious but not godly (no transforming power in lives)
- False teachers and teaching will penetrate into the homes (ie. TVs, magazines, internet, etc.)
- You will know who to trust by not just what they teach, but by their lives (i.e. Relationships)
- Trust and live the Word so you can prepare & equip others
- Be ready to preach the Word
- People will not want to listen but only what they want to hear
- Don't be afraid.. eagerly look forward to His coming (crown)

1Pet 4

- **1Pet 4:7 (NIV)**

The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.

- **Clear minded: Sober & not filled/occupied with confusion, worries, drunkenness, busyness, pleasures, etc.**
- **Self-controlled – choice to control our flesh**
- **Can pray – Given... need to pray... Help with 'Being able to pray'**
 - **Last Days – lovers of selves & money (can't pray).. why pray?**
 - **Deut 4:7 – What other nations is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him**
 - **Last Days – need to have Him near / need to hear Him**

Love

1Pet 4:8-9 (NLT *)

Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay.

- **Most important of all? Love each other..**
 - **Who is Peter writing to? Connected!**
 - **Note word 'Continue to show love'? Love now...why cont?**
 - **Mat 24:12 – (In last days), love of most will grow cold**
 - **A reason: Lovers of selves & money (no time, nor interest)**
 - **Practice Love (Live it)- Cheerfully share your home & meal**

Gift

1Pet 4:10-11 (NLT)

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

- **Good News! There's a variety of gifts & you have at least one!**
 - Use them well to serve one another (not self)
 - Speaking? A gift? The key!
 - Helping others?
 - Use it, exercise it, practice it with all strength/NRG (passion)
 - As you do so, He gets all glory and honor!

Gift

1Cor 1:7-9 (NLT)

Now you have every spiritual gift you need as you eagerly wait for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you strong to the end so that you will be free from all blame on the day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns. God will do this, for he is faithful to do what he says, and he has invited you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- **As you eagerly wait (remember what we said about being ready)**
 - **Not just one gift, but every gift you need.. Anointing**
- **Keep you strong to the end**
 - **Not “Make you strong in the end”!**
 - **Need to be strong now.. Live it now.. Use gifts now..**
 - **Invitation: Partner with Christ now (I'm giving you what's needed)**

Trials

- **1Pet 4:12-13 (NLT)**

Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. Instead, be very glad-for these trials make you partners with Christ in His suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world.

- **Here again – godly will be persecuted (2Tim 3:12)**
 - **Be not just glad, but VERY GLAD..why?**
 - **Partnering with Christ (ex. On the cross, India)**
 - **What's in store for us in His 2nd coming (glory is revealed – partners! Join me!)**

Blessed

- **1Pet 4:14-16 (NLT)**

So be happy when you are insulted for being a Christian, for then the glorious Spirit of God rests upon you. If you suffer, however, it must not be for murder, stealing, making trouble, or prying into other people's affairs. But it is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the privilege of being called by His name!...

- **Mat 5:10 – persecuted for righteousness, kingdom of Heaven**
 - **Insulted as a Christian – Spirit of God on you (Steven)**
- **Not these types of suffering**
 - **Murder, stealing, trouble, prying, or even self induced(seek)**
- **Privilege! “Christian” - called by His name! Invitation!**
 - **Follower/partner with Christ, Spirit rests on you (standup)**

Crown

- **1Pet 4:19 (NLT)**

So if you are suffering in a manner that pleases God, keep on doing what is right, and trust your lives to the God who created you, for he will never fail you.

- **No F's in serving God.. Can trust Him with our lives!**
- **Bring Him glory (v. 11), See His glory (v.13)**
 - **Good and faithful servants**
 - **Here's a crown (A++) - 2Tim 4**

Challenge For the Week

- **Do you know which is your strong gift(s) is?**
 - **How can you use it to bring God glory?**
- **What about being clear minded and self-controlled so you can pray? How can we grow in this area?**
- **Pray for each to begin growing in a life of prayer & in our gift(s)!**
- **Next Week:**
 - **Report any testimony**