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# One Goal

1 Peter 4:7-11





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œ 1 Peter – purpose of letter

œ Live a victorious life in the midst of hostility

- without losing hope
- without becoming bitter
- trust in their Lord
- Second coming

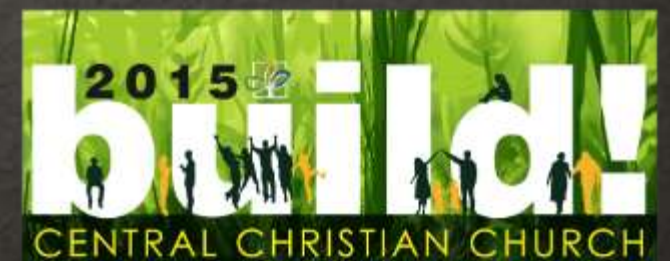
œ Believers can continue to live a faithful life and evangelize this hostile world





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- œ The end of all things is near
- œ One out of every 30 verses in the Bible mentions the subject of Christ's return or the end of time
- œ of the 260 chapters in the New Testament, there are well over 300 references to the return of Christ
- œ One-twentieth of our entire New Testament is dedicated to the subject of our Lord's return





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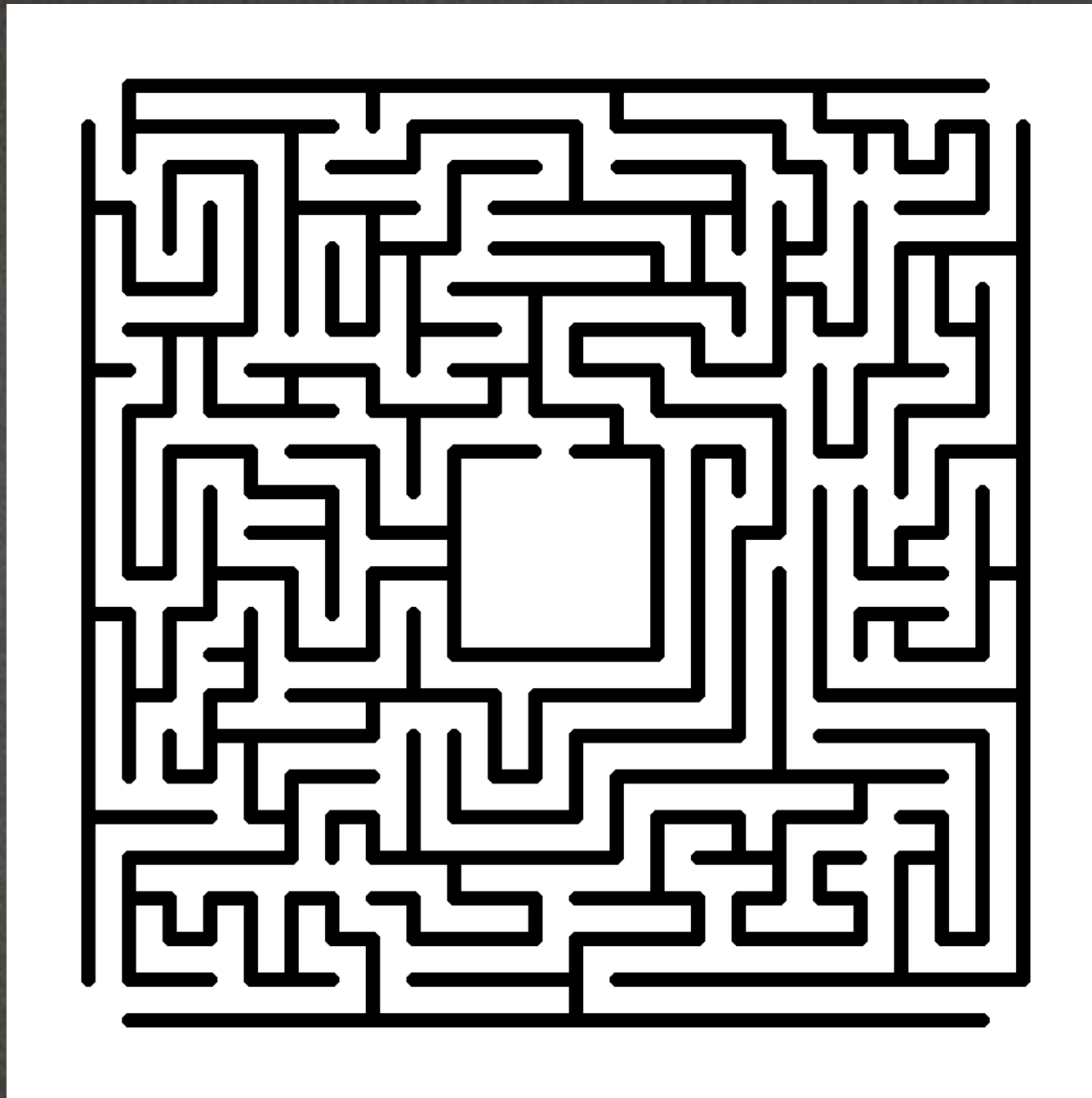
œ Jesus is coming again

œ The things we think are so important now are all going to be gone - (Mark 13:2) "Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

œ Christ will come again and in His display of justice and love will bring this world to its knees it's guaranteed



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☞ 1 Peter 4: 7-11

- ☞ Be alert and of sober mind
- ☞ Above all, love each other deeply
- ☞ Offer hospitality to one another
- ☞ Use gift you have received to serve others



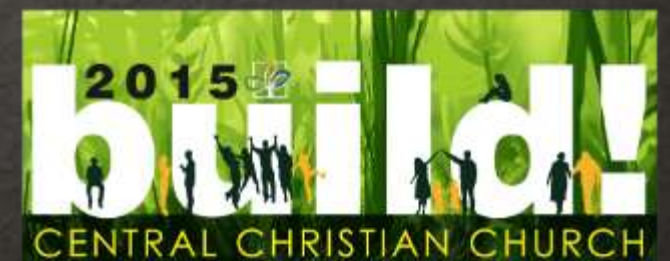


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1. Be alert and of sober mind.

⌘ Not to be swept away by emotions and passions but maintaining an eternal perspective in life.

⌘ A mind fixed on his return is purified and enjoy a fullness of fellowship with the Lord.





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☞ Luke 13:31-32

☞ *At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.” He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’*





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2. Above all, love each other deeply

œ The expression "above all" speaks to the priority and preeminence

œ The word translated "deeply" has the idea of a strenuous, intense love - in other words, it takes work

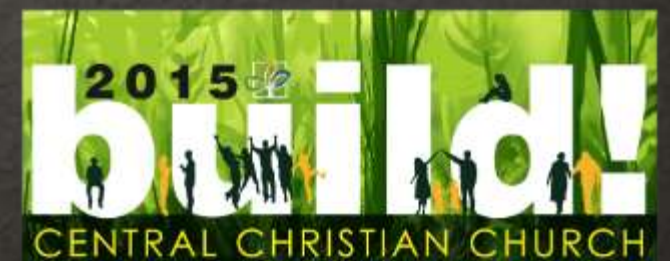
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- œ We know it takes work because the proof of this love, according to Peter, is forgiveness: “love covers a multitude of sins”
- œ if you are lacking in the love department, you’re missing the key virtue of the new life
- œ Exp: Kerry Egan, Hospice Chaplain





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## 3. Offer Hospitality to One Another

- ☞ Peter adds "without grumbling" because it is easy to just do but from the outward but not from the heart.
- ☞ Hospitality can be an exasperating, not to mention expensive, chore
- ☞ Your house, no matter how big or small, is a gift from God to be used to serve others





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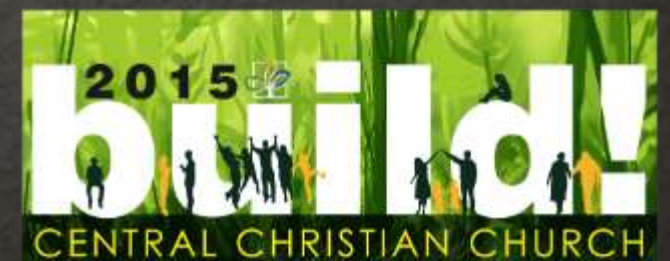




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4. Use gift you have received to serve others

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it 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.*



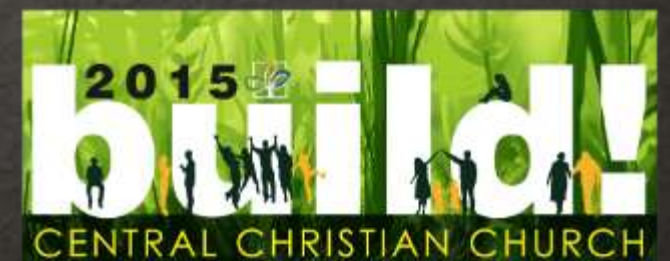


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## ☞ Gifts

- ☞ Are not selfish in nature
- ☞ Building (active not passive)
- ☞ Not Stressful but Strengthen

☞ Spiritual gifts should be used for God's glory and to minister to others, while talents can be used entirely for non-spiritual purposes.





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- œ Health of a church is measured not by the number of people who attend or the size of the offering, but by how many people are involved in ministry
- œ Every single one of you should be able to identify where God has gifted you, because God has given you, regardless of your age.
- œ Exp: "He has no hand but ours."

