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## Cornerstone Church OF KNOXVILLE

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**Main Point: Be good stewards of the grace of God**

- 1. Be self-controlled for the purpose of prayer**
- 2. Love one another**

**#1:**

**Luke 21:36**

Stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.

**#2:**

**Luke 21:9**

When you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.

**#3:**

**Matthew 24:14** And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

**#4:**

“We are surrounded by a world that says ‘no’ to nothing...We have a society that holds back from nothing...Any concept of a real ‘no’ is avoided as much as possible...Of course, this environment of not saying ‘no’ fits exactly our natural disposition, because, since the fall of man, we do not want to deny ourselves.”

**Francis Shaefter**

**#5:**

**Proverbs 25:28**

A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls.

**#6:**

“Among evangelical Christians, self-control is suspect...Our sense is that if change feels like self-effort and hard work, then it is probably legalistic and not animated by the Holy Spirit. Self-control, of course can feel like hard work. But we would be wise to revisit teaching on self-control.”

**Ed Welch**

Self-Control: The Battle Against “One More” (Journal of Biblical Counseling)

**#7:**

“It (self-control) is a governance or prudent control of one’s desires, cravings, impulses, emotions, and passions. It is saying no when we should say no. It is moderation in legitimate desires and activities, and absolute restraint in areas that are clearly sinful...Biblical self-control covers every area of life and requires an unceasing conflict with the passions of the flesh that wage war against our souls (1 Peter 2:11).”

**Jerry Bridges**

**#8:**

“Men may talk of self-control, as if the reins were in his own hand. But he who has been ‘born of the Spirit,’ and taught ‘to know the plague of his own heart,’ is made to feel, that effective self-control is divine grace, not his own native power...Have not repeated defeats taught us the need of calling in better strength than our own?”

**Charles Bridges**

Proverbs: A Geneva Series Commentary

**#9:**

**Matt. 18:21-22** Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

**#10:**

“We, the well-known conservative Christians on the block, run a house that from the outside looks like a Christian commune. And we do not believe that this is excessive. We believe this is what the Bible calls normal. We believe that Christians are called to live as the family of God and to draw strangers and neighbors in, with food and a bended knee, beseeching God’s grace to pour out on those who do not yet know the Lord and to encourage and uplift and fuel those who do. We lock arms together because we must. Christians are not lone rangers. And, yes, daily hospitality can be expensive and even inconvenient. It compels us to care more for our church family and neighbors than our personal status in this world. Our monthly grocery bill alone reminds us that what humbles us cannot hurt us, but what puffs up our pride unwaveringly will.”

**Rosaria Butterfield**

The Gospel Comes with a House Key: Practicing Radically Ordinary Hospitality in Our Post-Christian World

**#11:**

“The practice of love takes many shapes in Scripture...(The ‘one-another’ verses present a dizzying array of ways God calls us to move toward each other in love! Loving others in these multifaceted ways means that we need to know and understand people well. Love doesn’t happen in abstraction but in concrete, person-specific ways.”

**Michael Emlet**

Saints, Sufferers, and Sinners: Loving Others as God Loves Us