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What would you do if tomorrow were your last day? Three things:

1. _____ to the Lord
 - A. Those who don't know Christ - _____
(Acts 17:32, 2 Corinthians 6:2)
 - B. Those in Christ - _____
(Galatians 3:3, 5:7, Revelation 2:4)
 - If this were your last day, what would Jesus find in your heart?
2. Be _____ to One Another
(Ephesians 4:32, Matthew 6:15)
 - Who in your life do you need to forgive as Christ forgave you?
3. Not _____ Things of Eternal Value
 - The Bridegroom will come for His church. We believe that time may be soon. Are you ready for Him?

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