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2. **Question:** Are you morally ready for Jesus to return right now? Let other believers build you up to be ready.

III. The One Another's are for stimulating believers to good deeds.

Heb 10:24 *"and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,"*

A. Three parts to this command:

1. **Let us consider** – to give careful thought
2. **Stimulate** παροξυσμός – to provoke or incite someone to do something.
3. **Make that love and good deeds a reality.**

B. When can we best do this kind of provoking?

Hebrews 10:25 — *"not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."*

1. Stimulating one another to good deeds is best done when we gather together.

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