

Series:

Living Hope for Holy Living

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Sermon:

Stewardship of our gifting, part 2: I can be a blessing!

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I Peter 4:10-11

Core value: Life-change focused



As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. ¹¹ Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Who gets a spiritual gift(s)? Only born-again believers.

As **each one** has received a special gift...

What do we get? A special gift(s).

As each one has received **a special gift**...

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When do we get them? At the moment of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit when we are born-again.

As each one **has received** a special gift...

Where do we use our gift(s)? Within the body of Christ.

As each one has received a special gift, employ it **in serving one another**...

1 Corinthians 12:13 For **by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body**, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Romans 12:4-6 For just as we have many members in **one body** and all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, **who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.** ⁶ Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly...

Why are we gifted? To glorify God.

...**so that in all things God may be glorified** through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

How do we use our gifts(s)? Obedient life-engagement based on how we were gifted.

As each one has received a special gift, **employ it** in serving one another **as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.**

God-given word, God-given strength

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✓ I probably won't know what my gift is until I try it out and see if it fits.

Since I have (a) spiritual gift(s), how do I discover and be a good steward of my gift(s) to be a blessing?

2 Timothy 2:21 *Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.*

⁷ *The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.* ⁸ *Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.* ⁹ *Be hospitable (love of strangers) to one another without complaint.*

- ✓ Being cleansed of dishonorable thoughts and actions is the baseline for being a blessing.
- ✓ Having spiritual clarity through prayer will help me understand who I am, where I am and why I am, so that I can see the need to bless.
 - Even in my life changes I can still be a blessing.
 - If I can't be with those I want to speak to, use other means
 - If I can't directly serve those I am led to serve, ask God instead.
- ✓ Having the leading of the Holy Spirit through prayer will show me to where I can be a blessing.
 - Asking God throughout the day to lead me to those who need a blessing
 - Looking for opportunities
 - Being open and sensitive
- ✓ Loving others gives purpose outside of myself and vision and passion to bless others with my gift
 - Love will prevent gift-abuse.
 - Love can be the vision to see how to act to be a blessing with our gifts.

1 Peter 4:11	Romans 12:6-8	1 Corinthians 12:8-10	1 Corinthians 12:28	Ephesians 4:11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whoever speaks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prophecy • Teaching • Exhortation • Leadership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word of wisdom • Word of knowledge • Prophecy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apostle • Prophet • Teacher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apostle • Prophet • Evangelist • Pastor-teacher <p>Are these spiritual gifts or special enablements for certain people in their divine calling?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whoever renders service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving • Mercy • Giving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distinguishing between spirits • Faith 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helps • Administration 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifts of healings • Miracles • Tongues • Interpretation of tongues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miracles • Kinds of healings • Tongues 	

A call to girding our minds for action. Scripture memory challenge in 1 Peter (NASB)

1. **1:3-5** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
2. **1:6-7** In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, ⁷ so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
3. **1:15-19** But like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior; ¹⁶ because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY." ¹⁷ If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of *your* stay *on earth*; ¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, ¹⁹ but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood* of Christ.
4. **2:9-11** But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY. ¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.
5. **2:20-21** For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds* favor with God. ²¹ For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,
6. **2:24** And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.
7. **3:15** But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.
8. **3:18** For Christ also died for sins once for all, *the* just for *the* unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.
9. **4:10-11** As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. ¹¹ Whoever speaks, *is to do so* as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves *is to do so* as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
10. **5:5-6** You younger men, likewise, be subject to *your* elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE. ⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,
11. **5:10** After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen *and* establish you.