

Series:

Living Hope for Holy Living

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Sermon:

Stewardship of our gifting, part I: Am I useable?

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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.

The who, what, when, where, why and how of spiritual gifts.

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...

Titus 3:5

Romans 8:9

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

Romans 12:4-6

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**.

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

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.

Since I have a spiritual gift(s), how do I discover my “usability”?

- ✓ **Spiritual clarity** through prayer will help me understand who I am, where I am and why I am.
- ✓ **The Holy Spirit** through prayer will lead me to where I can serve.
- ✓ **Love for those in the body of Christ** gives purpose outside of myself and passion to meet the needs in the body of Christ.

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.