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I Peter 4:7-11

DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS FOR SERVING

I. Introduction: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody

II. A Few Questions:

- Are familiar with the term Spiritual Gifts?
- Do you know what your spiritual gift is?
- Are using your spiritual gifts to serve the Lord?

III. What Happens When We Receive Christ?

- A. You have a new _____ before God.
- B. God _____ for you a place for all eternity.
- C. You were born again, a new _____, a new _____.

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you.” I Peter 1:3-4

10Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.” I Peter 4:10 (NIV)

“As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” I Peter 4:10 (NASB)

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” I Peter 4:10 (ESV.)

IV. What Is A Spiritual Gift?

A spiritual gift is an ability given by the Holy Spirit to express our faith effectively (in word or deed) for the strengthening of someone else's faith. John Piper

“A Special Attribute, given by the Holy Spirit to every member of the body of Christ, according to God's Grace, for use within the context of the body.
Peter Wagner

Spiritual Gifts are given according to God's _____

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.” Romans 12:6

V. Why Do We Need To Know About Spiritual Gifts?

¹Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant.” I Corinthians 12:1

VI. What Are The Spiritual Gifts?

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is **prophesying**, let him use it in proportion to his^{1b}faith. ⁷If it is **serving**, let him serve; if it is **teaching**, let him teach; ⁸if it is **encouraging**, let him encourage; if it is **contributing to the needs of others**, let him give generously; if it is **leadership**, let him govern diligently; if it is showing **mercy**, let him do it cheerfully. Romans 12:6

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸And in the church God has appointed first of all **apostles**, second **prophets**, third **teachers**, then workers of **miracles**, also those having **gifts of healing**, those able to help others, those with **gifts of administration**, and those **speaking in different kinds of tongues**.

²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But eagerly desire the greater gifts. And now I will show you the most excellent way.” I Corinthians 12:27-31

⁷But **to each one of us grace** has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and **gave gifts** to men."^l ⁹(What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) ¹¹It was he who gave some to be **apostles**, some to be **prophets**, some to be **evangelists**, and some to be **pastors and teachers**, ¹²to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” Ephesians 4:7-13

⁷The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. ⁸Above all, **love each other** deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹Offer **hospitality** to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰Each one should use whatever gift he has received to **serve others**, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹**If anyone speaks**, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. **If anyone serves**, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.” I Peter 4:7-11

Points To Ponder
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Open It

1. Imagine that the world is going to end in twenty-four hours and you have been granted one wish for anything you want. What would you wish for? Why?

Explore It

2. What did Peter say was near? (4:7)
3. *What did Peter instruct his readers to do since the end of all things was near? (4:7)
4. What did Peter encourage his readers to do above all? (4:8)
5. How did Peter encourage his audience to love each other? (4:8-9)
6. How were Peter's readers to use their gifts? (4:10)

Get It

7. Why is it sometimes difficult to love other believers?
8. To whom do you find it difficult to offer hospitality? Why?
9. In what ways can you offer hospitality?
10. What gift has God given you that you could use to serve others?

Apply It

11. What can you do to Discover, Develop, or Deploy your Spiritual Gift?