

Sun Morning

Good Gifts & Greater Glory

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Text: 1 Peter 4:10-11

"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." (1 Peter 4:10-11)

INTRODUCTION

- 1 Cor 12 discusses work of Holy Spirit within body of Christ
- Holy Spirit gives words to speak boldly the word of Christ
- * Apollos (Acts 18:24-28)
- * Paul needed prayers to speak boldly
 - x Eph 6:18-20; Acts 4:29-31

1. EVERY CHRISTIAN IS

Gifted (v. 10)

A. Spiritual Gifts Are a blessing from God

NATURAL GIFTS talents & natural abilities

"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: Marvellous are thy works; And that my soul knoweth right well." (Psalm 139:14)

"See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: 3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, 4 To devise cunning works, to

- workmanship in all areas of human endeavor

work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, 5 And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship." (Exodus 31:2-5)

SIGN GIFTS among those listed 1 Cor 12: 8-11

"And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch." (Acts 5:12)

SPIRITUAL GIFTS - grace gifts - sign gifts - ministry gifts

- B. Our Gifts Are for the benefit of Others (v. 10)

2. WE ARE CALLED TO steward OUR GIFTS (v. 10) - fiduciary duty

- A. By His grace (v. 10) - God's grace
B. With excellence (v. 11)
C. In humility

"For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." (Romans 12:3)

- D. Within the church

"But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches." (1 Corinthians 7:17)

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." (Ephesians 4:11-16)

Body of Christ
increase
as each person becomes a Christian

- God adds to the church as He pleases

- Believers edified
- Unsaved evangelized

3. OUR GIFTS FULFILL

GOD'S Mission (v. 11)

A. Others are edified (built up into maturity)

"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:" (Ephesians 4:12)

B. God Is glorified (v. 11)

C. We Are satisfied in Christ

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: 13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. 14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified." (1 Peter 4:12-14)

CONCLUSIONS ABOUT SPIRITUAL GIFTS

- Gift given by God the Father
 - * Promise of the Father
 - x Lk 24:49; Acts 1:4, 2:33, 38-39; Gal 3:14; Eph 1:13
- Gift given by Jesus Son of God
 - * Eph 4:7, 11-12 gifts of church leadership to the church, body of Christ (1 Cor 12:28, Rom 12:6-8)
- Gifts given by the Holy Spirit
 - * diversities of gifts - Same Spirit
 - * differences of administrations - same Lord
 - * diversities of operations - same God
 - * 1 Cor 12:4-6
 - * Holy Spirit revealed in grace gifts
 - x 1 Cor 12:1, 7-11 list of grace gifts
 - x 1 Cor 12:12-13 Spirit baptizes Christian into body of Christ
 - x 1 Cor 12:18 God sets each member into the body as it pleases Him



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