

The Power of Christ through each Believer in the Church

(1 Peter 4:10-11)



Introduction

- "good works which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10)
- "serve the purpose of God in his own generation." (Acts 13:36)
- ¹⁰As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. ¹¹Whoever 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." (1 Peter 4:10-11)

A spiritual gift is a God-given ability for service within the body to uniquely show off Christ.

1. Importance of Ministering Your Gifts (v. 10)

- a. Ministering your gifts is _____
- b. Ministering your gifts is a _____
- c. Ministering your gifts is a _____

Luke 19

- i. Stewardship starts with little things
 - ii. Reward means getting a bigger job
 - iii. There is great danger in spectator attendance
- d. Ministering your giftedness is _____

2. Ingredients of Ministering Your Gifts (v. 11)

- a. Ministering your gifts is _____

Acts 6

- "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.... (and to give His life a ransom for many)." (Mark 10:45)
- "the greatest among you shall be your servant." (Matthew 23:11-12)
- "For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints." (Hebrews 6:10)

- b. Ministering your gifts is _____

- "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit." (Zechariah 4:6b)
- "For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me." (Colossians 1:29)

- c. Ministering your gifts is to be in the midst of a _____ of servants

- d. Ministering your gifts has a _____

3. Instruction for Ministering Your Gifts

- a. To impact others, start _____ in the church

- b. To impact others, learn the _____ of ministering your giftedness

- c. To impact others, continually check your _____ in ministry

Application

1. Why do you think spiritual gifts became such a controversial issue?
2. Why do you think so few Christians actually know and practice their giftedness in ministry?
3. How do you biblically know when you are being empowered by the Spirit in the exercise of your spiritual gift?
4. What are some steps you will take to discover your spiritual giftedness?
5. How do you think John Pleasnick, Nigel Shailer, Jeff Price, Robert Dodson, Shawn Farrell, and Chris Mueller are gifted?
6. Allow others right now to express their opinion about your giftedness? Express your opinion about theirs?

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