

Let the Feast Begin:
Flourishing in the Fellowship of the Family of God

1 Peter 4:7-11

Part 8

Our Gifting Savior

1 Peter 4:10-11

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Introduction:

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As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

I. Three Self-Evident Assumptions.

Regarding spiritual gifts and his congregation, Peter assumes three things in this passage:

1. The Existence of Spiritual Gifts.
2. The Knowledge of Spiritual Gifts.
3. The Operation of Spiritual Gifts.

II. One Primary Occupation.

Peter primarily occupies himself with focusing the orientation of the church toward the chief aim of all spiritual gifts, namely, the glory of God through Jesus Christ.

III. Contemporary Confusion Surrounding Spiritual Gifts.

1. Some think any talk of spiritual gifts is largely irrelevant because they view the gifts as taught in the New Testament to have _____.
2. Some avoid engaging the subject of spiritual gifts because they have witnessed or perhaps been the object of _____ by those acting in the name of their gifting.

3. Some who are weary from service that was not grace-motivated and grace-sustained so they do not understand that the spiritual gifts we have received _____
_____ from God.
4. Some who are disappointed and disillusioned with the Church have retreated to a “give up and let God” mentality. They must be helped to remember that _____
_____ is the object and end to our lives and gifted service.
5. All of us, to some degree, are affected by a competing worldview that constantly barrages us with thoughts of “Life is busy” rather than “The end of all things is at hand”.

IV. Divine Illumination Regarding Spiritual Gifts.

1. The primary motivation of the Savior in giving spiritual gifts to the church is to _____ the glory of God.
2. The glory of God through Jesus Christ is the root reason why spiritual gifts presently _____ and the essential reason why spiritual gifts will continue to _____ in the church.
3. Grace precedes, grace empowers and grace proceeds from, the _____ of our gifts.
4. As ones entrusted with spiritual gifts we are “_____”.
5. _____ has received at least one gift.
6. The diversity and distinctiveness of spiritual gifts are intended to showcase the “varied” dimensions of God’s _____.

V. Utilizing Gifts To Glory In The Gift Giver.

1. The Gifts are from the Giver.
2. God never recalls the Gifts He gives us.

“For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable” **Romans 11:29**

3. The Gifts are for the Giver’s Glory.