

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

1 Peter 4:7-11

Part 9

Our Gift “Search”

1 Peter 4:10-11

Introduction:

The Gift Hunt vs. Grace Living

I. Our Gift for Ministry. . . **Grace**

Remember - Your “Gift” is the whole package of resources that Christ has measured out to you by Grace.

Understand - Each individual “gift” is any activity in which God has given you particular pleasure, ability, and effectiveness while doing it for the glory of God & the good of others.

II. Our Activity of Gifted Ministry. . . **more Grace**

Even after Salvation - Ministering with our gift is
Not what we give to Christ
But what He has given to us!

III. Our Pursuit of Gifts. . . **living out Grace**

Discover your gifts along the Path of Four Gracious Pursuits:

A. Pursue **God**,

B. Put on Christian **Love**.

C. Practice Unselective Christian **Obedience**.

D. Develop (all types of) Areas of Particular Personal **Enjoyment** & **Ability**.

E. Serve the Present **Needs** of One Another in the Body of Christ.

IV. Our Particular Gifts. . . recognizing Grace *with Hindsight*

Listen to those around you -

Notice distinct fruitfulness -

Remember your personal enjoyment -

As a result:

Enjoy Taking & Making every opportunity to make use of particular gifts.

Ephesians 4:7-8

7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

8 Therefore He says:

“ When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.”

1 Peter 4:10-11

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.