

## Gifted to Serve

*1 Peter 4:10-11* <sup>NKJV</sup>

*<sup>10</sup> As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

### I

#### All of us are gifted

God is the giver of gifts.

*Romans 12:6 (NLT) says, “In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.”*

There is a difference between gifts and talents.

No gift is less significant from others.

*1 Corinthians 12: 16-17 (TLB) says, <sup>16</sup> And what would you think if you heard an ear say, “I am not part of the body because I am only an ear and not an eye”? Would that make it any less a part of the body? <sup>17</sup> Suppose the whole body were an eye—then how would you hear? Or if your whole body were just one big ear, how could you smell anything?*

God’s gifts are irrevocable.

*Romans 11:29 (TLB) says, “For God’s gifts and his call can never be withdrawn; he will never go back on his promises.”*

### II

#### We are to minister our gifts to one another

The word minister means to serve.

*In Matthew 20:28 Jesus said, “Your attitude must be like my own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give my life as a ransom for many.”*

We are to minister our gifts both in the church and in the market place.

Refusal to minister, or serve, robs people of the blessing they are to receive from our gift.

These gifts are not given for self-glory or self-promotion, but for the building of the body of Christ.

### III

#### We are to be good stewards of our gifts

A steward is an individual who manages or cares for the property or possessions of another person.

*1 Corinthians 4:1 ESV says, “This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.*

As good stewards, we ought to develop our gifts.

*2 Timothy 1:6 says, “Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you....”*

We develop, or stir up, our gift by prayer, study, and usage.

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