

**STUDYING THROUGH
1 PETER (25)**



**Gifts According to
Ability**

1 Peter 4:7-11 (2)

Previously

Peter continues to encourage his audience to faithfully endure, even though they were facing trials and tribulations.

In our last lesson Peter challenged them to

- 1) Be watchful in prayers
- 2) Have fervent love for one another
- 3) Be hospitable without grumbling

Good stewards (4:10)

As good stewards:

The Bible speaks of stewardship

- A servant entrusted with the affairs of a household.

- He has proven himself

trustworthy - **1 Corinthians 4:2**

- We are reminded of our

responsibility and accountability to

God

Good stewards (4:10)

The manifold grace of God

- Our abilities are a blessing from God. His grace is abundantly given to us.
- Consider our affluent society
- Seen in our salvation – **Romans 3:24, Ephesians 2:8, Hebrews 4:16, 10:29** “the Spirit of grace”

Good stewards (4:10)

- **The manifold grace of God**
 - God's grace is "manifold" – multifaceted
 - **Romans 12:6** – gifts differing according to the grace given to us
 - **2 Corinthians 9:8** – He is able to make "all grace abound"
 - **Ephesians 2:7** – "the exceeding riches of His grace"

The gifts we have received (4:10-11)

- God's grace is described in terms of a gift
- Gift is from χάρισμα (charisma) – a present, something given generously
- **Romans 6:23** – our salvation, eternal life
- **1 Corinthians 12:4-11** – miraculous spiritual gifts - a challenge to be content with whatever gifts we have (part of 1st century)

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- God's grace is described in terms of a gift

BUT these gifts do not have to be miraculous

- **Romans 12:3-8** – most are able to be developed naturally

- **1 Corinthians 12** – indirectly, consider wisdom, knowledge, faith

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BUT these gifts do not have to be miraculous

- **Ephesians 4:11** – leaders, some inspired, but others are not needed

- **James 1:17** – every good and perfect gift...

- OUR TEXT – could be either “inspired” or natural

The gifts we have received (4:10-11)

- **As each one has received a gift** -

In **1 Peter 4:7-9**, Peter mentioned prayers, fervent love and hospitality –

THESE APPLY TO ALL CHRISTIANS

But beyond that, we **ALL** have individual abilities – develop and use them –

**Colossians 3:23, Ecclesiastes 9:10
cf. Matthew 25:31-47 (and 14-30)**

The gifts we have received (4:10-11)

- **Minister to one another** -

Again, we are reminded that we need each other!

- Our concerns need to be for our brethren

- in a hostile world, brethren are our refuge

Matthew 20:27-28 – Jesus

Galatians 5:13, Hebrews 6:10

The gifts we have received (4:10-11)

- **If anyone speaks...** -

A powerful statement

- We “minister” by sharing God’s word – **cf. Galatians 6:10** – primarily addressing spiritual blessings

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- **If anyone speaks... as the oracles of God** -
- “as if God were speaking Himself”
- Oracles – see **Acts 7:38, Romans 3:2, Hebrews 5:12** – always about God’s revealed will

The gifts we have received (4:10-11)

- **If anyone speaks... as the oracles of God -**
- When we teach, it must be TRUE to God's intent
- Far too many water down the message of God's word
- **2 Timothy 4:2-4,**
1 Corinthians 2:1-2
- We need to let the word of God convict – **Romans 1:16, Hebrews 4:12**
- We are accountable – **James 3:1**

The gifts we have received (4:10-11)

- **If anyone ministers...**
- Derivative of the same word as found in vs. 10.
- **2 Corinthians 8:7** – Paul calls their ability to help others a “grace”
- **1 Timothy 6:17-19** – the wealthy reminded
- **Hebrews 13:16** – do good and share...

The result (4:11)

- - **That in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ**
 - This is a goal in all that we do
 - When we overcome, when we help others – God is glorified
 - **1 Corinthians 10:31, 1 Peter 2:5** – a royal priesthood offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God.

The result (4:11)

- - **To whom belong the glory and dominion forever and ever**
- God is always worthy of our praise
Colossians 3:17 – “in the name of the Lord” – while addressing authority, WHY? Because of who He is. Glory and dominion belong to Him!



Studies in 1 Peter



**How are you using
what has been given to
you?**



Studies in 1 Peter



Let us pray!