

SERMON NOTES APRIL 7, 2024

Sermon: Using Our Gifts

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Text: 1 Peter 4:7-11 (ESV)

⁷ The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ 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.

"A gift is a heightened capacity and desire for ministry, given by God for regular use, to bear fruit in the local Church."

Six Guiding Truths About Spiritual Gifts:

1. Spiritual Gifts are universal, not special, v.10.
2. Spiritual Gifts are given, not earned, v.10.
3. Spiritual Gifts are to be used, not withheld, v.10.
4. Spiritual Gifts are varied, not same, vv.10-11.
 - A. What types of gifts are there?
 - *Speaking*
 - *Serving*
 - B. How do I identify my gift?
 - *God, what do you want me to do?*

**Am I primarily a speaker of words or a doer of deeds?*

**What is on my heart to do?*

**Have others affirmed me in an area?*

C. How do I use my gift?

**Prayerfully*

**Organically*

**Institutionally*

**Humbly*

**Wisely*

**Dutifully*

5. Spiritual Gifts are corporately complementary, not personally elevating, v.11.
6. Spiritual Gifts are dependent, not unaided, v.11.