

LORDSHIP GENEROSITY

LEARNER GUIDE | SESSION 2

Stewarding Our Spiritual Gifts



SESSION IN A SENTENCE God is calling His followers to steward the gifts they are given, while using them to bring Him the glory only He deserves.

BIBLE BACKGROUND First Peter was written within the context of extreme persecution during the Roman Empire. Peter encouraged followers of Jesus to remain faithful no matter the circumstances, and to understand that suffering for the cause of Christ should be expected. Their suffering, however, should result in them being found faithful to fulfill the important mission of proclaiming the gospel.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS TODAY Those who call on the name of the Lord are saved and given a spiritual gift. These gifts are meant to be used to strengthen the church and its work in the world, thereby glorifying God. Spiritual gifts are more than a talent or a hobby. They are given to us to be used to advance God's kingdom. Some gifts are public (the spiritual gift of teaching is one such gift) and seen by many. Other gifts are behind the scenes (such as the gift of helps) but are just as vital to the health of the church. No matter the gift, God's people are called to steward them as God intended.

1 PETER 4:7-11

⁷ The end of all things is near; therefore, be alert and sober-minded for prayer. ⁸ Above all, maintain constant love for one another, since **love covers a multitude of sins.** ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰ Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, let it be as one who speaks God's words; if anyone serves, let it be from the strength God provides, so that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ in everything. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

POINT 1: WHY

POINT 3:WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE

OUR GIFTS ARE IMPORTANT

(vv.7-9)

OUR GIFTS (v.11)

POINT 2:
BASIC TRUTH ABOUT

OUR GIFTS

(v.10)

MY NEXT STEPS

- 1. Complete a spiritual gift assessment Take 10-15 minutes to complete a spiritual gift assessment that was provided before the group time, or one completed during the group time. Go into this exercise knowing that there are no right or wrong answers. Ask God to guide you towards greater understanding of His perfect will and to give you the faith needed to live in obedience to His plans.
- 2. Volunteer outside the church While understanding that stewarding our spiritual gifts can occur inside or outside the church, ask God to lead you towards a ministry or place of service outside of the church. Ask Him to use your efforts to bring glory to Himself.
- 3. Volunteer inside the church While understanding that stewarding our spiritual gifts can occur either inside or outside the walls of the church, ask God to point you towards a ministry or place in which you can steward the gift you have been given inside of the church. Ask Him to use your efforts to bring glory to Himself as stated in this passage. Ask your pastor where the most pressing needs are, and speak to the person in charge of that ministry.

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