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## **My Gifts**

**I want you to know about a few sure things.** That sounds interesting. I like sure things. Anything I have considered to be a sure thing has never ended up being a sure thing. So, when you say that you have something that is a sure thing I am more than curious. You have my full attention. What is a sure thing? What do you want to tell me?

**It is a sure thing that I have given you spiritual gifts.** Why is it important that I know that? **That is a very good question. Have you ever looked for something with the certainty that you would find it?** Like what? **Let's say you were looking for a set of keys and you were certain that they were in your house. You knew that they couldn't be anywhere else because you just unlocked your house.** I have misplaced my keys many times. **Yes, I know. How persistent has your search been when you have been certain that you would find what you were searching for?** My search has been persistent and all encompassing because I knew that it would just be a matter of time before I would find what I was looking for. **That's right. How persistent has your search been when you had no idea if you would find what you were looking for?** My search has been brief and short lived when I have had no confidence that I would find what I was looking for. **Can you see where our conversation is headed?** You have given me spiritual gifts and I will certainly discover the gifts that you have give to me if I persistently search for them. **You got that right. That's one sure thing.** What is another sure thing?

**It is a sure thing that you will never find out what spiritual gifts I have given to you by sitting around doing nothing. You will need to step out and engage in ministry to others. I want to use you. As you follow me you will try out many different ways to minister my love and grace to others. Not everything you try will be a perfect fit for you. Don't worry about that. As you serve me, there will be some trial and error on the way to your discovering your spiritual gifts. You will discover what aren't and what are your spiritual gifts.** Engaging in ministry to others will be the way that you will show me my spiritual gifts. **You got that right. That's another sure thing.** What is another sure thing?

**I will powerfully use your spiritual gifts to bear fruit for my kingdom and bring glory to my name. That is a sure thing.** That's why it is so important that I discover and use my spiritual gifts. That's why it is so important that I rely on you to work in and through me as I use the spiritual gifts that you have given to me. **You got that right. As you use your spiritual gifts you will bring praise and glory to my name. People will be drawn to me because you have used your spiritual gifts.** That is all that I have ever wanted. Thank you for these sure things. I will joyfully use all the spiritual gifts that you have given to me.

*Lord, help me to discover all the spiritual gifts you have given to me. I don't want one to go unused. Use all you have given me to bear fruit for your kingdom. Powerfully work through me so your grace is ministered to others and glory is brought to your name. Amen*

**If** *Anyone*

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NIV 1 Peter 4:10-11

**If** *Whoever*

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.

ESV 1 Peter 4:10-11

**If** *You*

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

NLT 1 Peter 4:10-11

**If** *Anyone*

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 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.

NKJV 1 Peter 4:10-11

**If** *Whoever*

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

NRSV 1 Peter 4:10-11

**If** *You*

Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it: if words, let it be God's words; if help, let it be God's hearty help. That way, God's bright presence will be evident in everything through Jesus, and he'll get all the credit as the One mighty in everything—encores to the end of time. Oh, yes!

MSG 1 Peter 4:10-11

**If** *Whoever*

As each of you has received a gift (a particular spiritual talent, a gracious divine endowment), employ it for one another as [benefits] good trustees of God's many-sided grace [faithful stewards of the extremely diverse powers and gifts granted to Christians by unmerited favor]. Whoever speaks, [let him do it as one who utters] oracles of God; whoever renders service, [let him do it] as with the strength which God furnishes abundantly, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ (the Messiah). To Him be the glory and dominion forever and ever (through endless ages). Amen (so be it).

AMP 1 Peter 4:10-11

**If** *You*

God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings. Are you called to preach? Then preach as though God himself were speaking through you. Are you called to help others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies so that God will be glorified through Jesus Christ—to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

TLB 1 Peter 4:10-11

**If** *Whoever*

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

NASB 1 Peter 4:10-11

**If** *Anyone*

Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. Be good servants of God's various gifts of grace. Anyone who speaks should speak words from God. Anyone who serves should serve with the strength God gives so that in everything God will be praised through Jesus Christ. Power and glory belong to him forever and ever. Amen.

NCV 1 Peter 4:10-11

# Anyone

Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

If – 1 Peter 4:10-11

In Context: Read 1 Peter 4

Begin With Prayer:

**Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.**

**Meditating On God's Word:** *(What is God speaking to your heart?)*

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1 Peter 4:10-11

**Considering The Words:** *(What words speak to your heart?)*

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**Praying The Scripture:** *(What prayer from your heart will you write?)*

Lord, help me to discover all the spiritual gifts you have given to me. I don't want one to go unused. Use all you have given me to bear fruit for your kingdom. Powerfully work through me so your grace is ministered to others and glory is brought to your name. Amen

**What It Means:** *(What questions speak to your heart?)* (Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)

Why can you be absolutely certain that God has given you spiritual gifts?

**What has helped you to discover and use the spiritual gifts that you have been given?**

When have you discovered what were not your spiritual gifts on the way to discovering what are your spiritual gifts?

How are your spiritual gifts being refined and developed as you use them to serve others?

**When have you been aware of God powerfully working through the spiritual gifts that He has given to you?**

How has the grace of God been shared with others because you used your God given spiritual gifts?

**How has using your God given spiritual gifts brought praise and glory to God?**

**Living It Out:** *(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)*

Rely on God's strength to help you to powerfully use the spiritual gifts that He has given to you.

**Seeing It Happen:** *(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)*

Have faith that God will give you His strength to powerfully use the spiritual gifts that He has given to you.

**Get Ready To Share:** *(What can you share with others from your heart?)*

Share with another person or your small group how you have discovered the spiritual gifts God has given to you.

**Close With Prayer:**

**Quiet Yourself Before The Lord**

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

Anyone

1 Peter 4

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## Journal

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

### What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

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### What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

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### Prayer Of Blessing

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you rely on God's strength to help you to serve others with the gifts that He has given to you.*

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### Prayer To Carry

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will rely on your strength to serve others with the gifts that you have given to me.*

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### What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

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### A Question To Ask God

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I serve others today with the gifts that you have given to me?*

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