



Sunday November 15, 2020 Stewarding Your Gift, Grace And Ministry

1 Peter 4:7-11

7 But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

9 Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.

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

11 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.

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Gift (Greek '*charisma*') spiritual gift, enablement. We see in the New Testament three categories of gifts. There are the **gifts of the Spirit** listed in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 available for all believers. All believers have access to all the gifts of the Spirit. There are **membership gifts (or believers gifts or functional gifts)**, a representative list given to us in Romans 12:4-8 (prophecy, serving, teaching, encouraging, leading, giving, compassion). Each believer has gifts depending on their function in the Body of Christ. These are numerous and each can have a variety of gift mix to enable their function. Third, we have what is called **ministry gifts (or ministry offices)**, that is given to some believers, that of the apostle, prophet, pastor, teacher, evangelist (Ephesians 4:7-11).

Grace (Greek '*charis*') graciousness, specifically God's favor and gracious empowering on someone to carry out specific purposes. 'Grace' in the New Testament is used in three different contexts: **divine character, divine favor, divine empowering**. When grace is used in this context of gift and ministry, we understand it as God's empowering.

Minister (Greek '*diakonia*') meaning service, referring to an attender or a deacon. So the word minister, simply means to serve.

Steward (Greek '*oikonomos*'), manager, overseer, caretaker of a household to whom the head of the house or proprietor has entrusted the management of his affairs, the care of receipts and expenditures, and the duty of dealing out the proper portion to every servant and even to the children not yet of age. (Thayer's Definition).

#1, ALL BELIEVERS HAVE GIFTS, GRACE, AND MINISTRY AVAILABLE TO THEM



1 Peter 4:10

As each one has received a gift,....

Ephesians 4:7

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

#2, MINISTRY HAPPENS WHEN YOU USE YOUR GIFTS AND GRACE TO SERVE PEOPLE

1 Peter 4:10

10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another,...

Romans 12:6

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them:...

Your gifts and grace describe your ministry

HOW DO YOU DISCOVER YOUR GIFTS AND GRACE?

A few pointers:

Start by serving. Take up opportunities that come your way and serve.

See what you are inclined towards, what you become passionate about.

See how God leads you by His Spirit as you start moving in serving people.

Consider the people whom God brings to influence, inspire, and guide you.

HOW CAN I SERVE IN THESE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES?

We turn adversity into opportunity

MINISTRY IS SERVICE NOT A TITLE

Service is an expression of servanthood.

A title usually makes you feel entitled.

#3, BE A GOOD STEWARD OF YOUR GIFTS, GRACE, AND MINISTRY

A steward is a manager, overseer, or caretaker—someone who has been put in charge of another person's goods. Someone made responsible for something that is not their own. Someone entrusted with the responsibility to manage.

JESUS' ILLUSTRATIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

Wise and Faithful Steward (Luke 12:41-48)

The Parable of the Unjust Steward (Luke 16:1-12)

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What does it mean to be a good steward?



Four characteristics of good stewardship:

(1) Faithfulness

Faithful = sincere, reliable, dependable

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

1 Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

2 Moreover, it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

A, Faithful in little things (Matthew 25:21,23; Luke 16:10)

B, Faithful in handling money (Luke 16:11)

C, Faithful in what belongs to someone else (Luke 16:12)

(2) Excellence

Wise and faithful steward (Luke 12:41–48)

(3) Accountability

We see accountability in both the illustrations Jesus' gave.

(4) Productivity

be fruitful, be profitable, increase, multiply, bless, transfer

#4, MINISTRY IS AN EXPRESSION OF GOD'S ABILITY THROUGH YOU AND IS SOLELY FOR HIS GLORY

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2 Corinthians 3:5

Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God,

Review

#1, All believers have gifts, grace, and ministry available to them

#2, Ministry happens when you use your gifts and grace to serve people

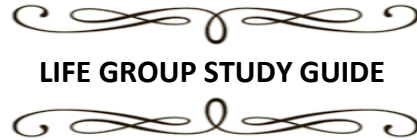
#3, Be a good steward of your gifts, grace, and ministry

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Prayer for the stirring up, activating, release, increase of gifts, grace and ministries



MINISTRY TIME | SALVATION CALL



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The is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at apcwo.org/sermons . Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture passages: *1 Peter 4:7-11; Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 12:41-48; Luke 16:1-12*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

- 1) Discuss and draw stewardship lessons from two or all three of these parables of Jesus:
The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)
Wise and Faithful Steward (Luke 12:41-48)
The Parable of the Unjust Steward (Luke 16:1-12)*



If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.

Close by thanking God together.



USEFUL RESOURCES



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

E-LEARNING: <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

COUNSELING: <https://chrysalislife.org>

MUSIC: <https://apcmusic.org>

MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP: <https://pamfi.org>

CHURCH APP: <https://apcwo.org/app>

CHURCHES: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/churches>

WORLD MISSIONS: <https://apcworldmissions.org>