

# Our Lives...God's Purposes



A Sermon Series on Stewardship



# **The Stewardship of Spiritual Gifts**

**1 Peter 4:7-11**

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<sup>7</sup> The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self controlled so that you can pray. <sup>8</sup> Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup> Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup> Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

# MAIN IDEA:

God gives us spiritual gifts that He wants to help us steward, so we can accomplish the kingdom purposes for which He has called us.

# SPIRITUAL GIFTS...

Are talents given to all believers from God through the Holy Spirit for the purpose of serving others and bringing praise to God.

## 4 DIRECTIVES TO HELP US STEWARD WELL.

- We need to steward our gifts with **PERSPECTIVE**
- We need to steward our gifts with **PURPOSE**
- We need to steward our gifts with **PRECISION**
- We need to steward our gifts for God's **PRAISE**

# COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

<sup>2</sup> Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

<sup>3</sup> And

pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. <sup>4</sup> Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. <sup>5</sup> Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

# ROMANS 12:4-8

<sup>4</sup> Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. <sup>7</sup> If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

# THE HOLY SPIRIT

He gives us an eternal perspective.

He gives us our Spiritual Gifts.

He empowers us to steward (use) our gifts.....

**For the Praise of God!**

# ROMANS 12:1

1. Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.