

V. All glory \_\_\_\_\_ to God

*"Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen."*

*1 Peter 4:11b*

*My life quote: "I do nothing for the applause of man, but everything for the applause of His nail-scarred hands."*

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Sermon Notes

**"How to BE using your gifts!"**

**Discipleship Training Series:**

**"The Gift: You are Gifted for the Harvest!"**

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**I Peter 4:7-11 (New Living Version)**

<sup>7</sup> The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers. <sup>8</sup> Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.

<sup>9</sup> Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay.

<sup>10</sup> God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. <sup>11</sup> 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.



*"Intentionally following Jesus Christ by making disciples"*

**I. \_\_\_\_\_ *prayerful***

"The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers." 1 Peter 4:7

Illustration: The Bucket List

"No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us." Philippians 4:13-14

**II. \_\_\_\_\_ *loving***

"Most important of all, continue to show deep (*ektenēs*) love (*agapē*) for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins." 1 Peter 4:8

*ektenēs*: "strong, stretched, strained"

*agapē*: "Love from God, unfailing love"

Illustration: R.C. Sproul

"Here we are, redeemed, indwelt, heaven bound, but we still sin against each other. Peter calls us here to not sweat the 'small stuff.' Note, however, that he recognizes that the small stuff is still sin. The text doesn't say, 'Love covers a multitude of unwise, selfish, arrogant, shameful decisions' ... When we are wronged our calling is to practice a careful moral calculus. Is this offense one I should let go of? Is it among the multitude that love covers? Or is this offense grievous enough that love means confronting in grace my brother? Sadly what we usually do is think we are practicing the former while actually holding

grudges and putting miracle-grow on roots of bitterness. Peace in the church calls us to under-accuse, over-repent and over-forgive. Let us not be afraid to call sin sin, but let us not be slow to forgive it and to look past it."

**III. \_\_\_\_\_ *generous***

"Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you." 1 Peter 4:9-10

"Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people." Philippians 2:14-15

**IV. \_\_\_\_\_ *what you are called to be***

"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..." 1 Peter 4:11a

God custom-designed you for a purpose, for an assignment that only you can do.

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other." 1 Corinthians 12:4-7