

HOW ARE BELIEVERS TO LIVE IN THESE LAST DAYS?

We are to be faithfully serving Christ

1 Peter 4:10a

- I. **WE MUST REALIZE WE (believers) ALL HAVE RECEIVED A SPIRITUAL GIFT(S):** Each one has received (10a, Rom. 12, 1Cor. 12, Eph. 4)

- II. **WE MUST UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS:** (10b, Rom. 12, 1Cor. 12, Eph. 4)
 - A. They are not natural talents

 - B. They are **grace gifts** (i.e. we did nothing to merit them and we cannot exercise them apart from His grace)

 - C. There are **various** spiritual gifts. (SEE BACK for LIST)

- III. **WE ARE TO OBEY GOD, RECOGNIZING OUR GREAT RESPONSIBILITY as stewards of our gift(s) (10)**
 - A. We are **COMMANDED TO EMPLOY THEM** serving one another (10a)

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- B. We are to be **GOOD STEWARDS** of these gifts (10b)

- IV. **UNDERSTAND THE GIFTS:** A detailed summary of all the gifts (10, 1Cor. 12, Rom. 12, Eph. 4)
- V. **FOLLOW THE GUIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF THESE GIFTS (11a)**
- VI. **UNDERSTAND THE ULTIMATE PURPOSES FOR THEIR EXERCISE (11b)**

I. SPIRITUAL GIFTS MENTIONED IN 1CORINTHIANS 12:8-10 AND 12:28-30

A. Gifts functioning today (You might have one or more of these 😊)

1. Word of wisdom (Most likely has been done away)
2. Faith
3. Discerning of spirits
4. Teachers (also in Rom 12)
5. Helps
6. Administrations/leading

B. Foundational (revelatory) or sign gifts, thus *have been done away or ceased* (You don't have these!)

1. Word of Knowledge (See 1Cor 13:8-10)
2. Healings (See Acts 2:22, 8:5-8 2Cor 2:12, Heb 2:3-4, Eph 2:19-22)
3. Powers or miracles (See Acts 2:22, 8:5-8 2Cor 2:12, Heb 2:3-4, Eph 2:19-22)
4. Prophecy (also in Romans 12) (See Eph 2:19-22, 2Peter 2:1, 1Cor 13:8-10)
5. Tongues (See 1Cor 14:20-22, 1 Cor 13:8)
6. Interpretation of tongues (See 1Cor 14:20-22, 1 Cor 13:8)
7. Apostles (See Eph 2:19-22)
8. Prophets (See Eph 2:19-22, 2Peter 2:1, 1Cor 13:8-10)

II. SPIRITUAL GIFTS MENTIONED IN ROMANS 12:6-8

A. Gifts functioning today (You might have one or more of these 😊)

1. Serving
2. Teaching (also in 1Cor 12)
3. Exhortation/encouragement
4. Giving
5. Leading/ruling
6. Mercy

B. Foundational (revelatory) gifts thus done away (You don't have these!)

1. Prophecy (also in 1Cor 12) (See Eph 2:19-22, 2Peter 2:1, 1Cor 13:8-10)

III. SPIRITUAL GIFTS MENTIONED IN EPHESIANS 4:11

A. Gifts functioning today (You might have one or more of these 😊)

1. Evangelists
2. Pastor/teachers

B. Foundational (revelatory) gifts thus done away (You don't have these!)

1. Apostles (See Eph 2:19-22)
2. Prophets (See Eph 2:19-22, 2Peter 2:1-2, 1Cor 13:8-10)