

### III. THE REQUIREMENT FOR SPIRITUAL GIFTS IS GOOD STEWARDSHIP

<sup>10</sup> *"...as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."*  
I Peter 4:10c

A. Good stewardship means faithfully using the gifts that God gives you in ministry.

<sup>2</sup> *"Moreover, it is required in stewards that one be found faithful."*  
I Corinthians 4:2

B. You must fulfil the ministry that God has for you.

<sup>17</sup> *"...Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it."*  
Colossians 4:17b

### IV. THE RESULT OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS IS THE GLORY OF GOD

<sup>11</sup> *"...If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified..."*  
I Peter 4:11b

A. We are not to use our gifts to bring glory to ourselves.

<sup>7</sup> *"For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?"*  
I Corinthians 4:7

<sup>8</sup> *"I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another; neither my praise to graven images."*  
Isaiah 42:8

B. We are to use our gifts to bring glory to God.

<sup>31</sup> *"Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."*  
I Corinthians 10:31

<sup>20</sup> *"according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death."*  
Philippians 1:20

## UNWRAP YOUR GIFTS

## THE DASH: MAKING YOUR LIFE MATTER

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#### Introduction:

A. Happy New Year! It's a great time to evaluate your life and determine how you can make the most of your life. Our teaching series called The Dash will be helpful in leading you to a life of greater purpose and meaning.

Your tombstone will have two dates separated by a simple line: THE DASH. The first date will be your birth date and the second date will be your death date. But what really matters is the dash in between.

Your dash represents your story. The goal is to live a life of eternal significance rather than chasing temporary worldly success. To do this it's important to live with the end in mind.

<sup>13</sup> *"each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is."*

<sup>14</sup> *"If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward."*  
I Corinthians 3:13-14

B. The Dash Teaching Series will encourage you to look closely at your life and examine how you are living your dash. And this series will reveal how to intentionally live your dash focusing on things that matter and last.

Jan 11	Delay The Decay
Jan 18	Take God To Work
Jan 25	Remember No U-Haul Behind A Hearse
Feb 1	Go All In For The Next Generation
TODAY	Unwrap Your Gifts
Feb 15	Reach One More For Jesus

TEXT: I Peter 4:10-11

God has given you spiritual gifts to transform lives. The problem is most Christians don't unwrap their spiritual gifts. It's absolutely essential for you to discover and deploy your gifts to make the most of your dash.

## HOW TO UNWRAP YOUR GIFTS

### I. THE REALITY OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS IS THAT EVERY CHRISTIAN HAS THEM.

<sup>10</sup> *“As each one has received a gift...”* I Peter 4:10a

#### A. The Degree: Every Christian

<sup>7</sup> *“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:”* I Corinthians 12:7

God gives you three gifts when you get saved:

- God gives you eternal life.

<sup>23</sup> *“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*  
Romans 6:23

- God gives you the Holy Spirit.

<sup>5</sup> *“...the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”*  
Romans 5:5b

- God gives you spiritual gifts.

<sup>8</sup> *“Therefore, He says: “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.”*  
Ephesians 4:8

#### B. The Definition:

<sup>1</sup> *“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant”* I Corinthians 12:1

The problem is not that Christians do not know what their spiritual gifts are. The problem is most Christians do not know what a spiritual gift is.

A spiritual gift is an expression of the Holy Spirit in the life of every Christian, which enables them to effectively serve in their local church.

## II. THE REASON FOR SPIRITUAL GIFTS IS MINISTRY

<sup>10</sup> *“...minister it to one another,”* I Peter 4:10b

### A. There are two types of church members:

- Spectators – those who view the local church as a place to be served.
- Participants – those who view the local church as a place to serve.

### B. God commands you to be a participant in ministry, not spectator.

A Participant has a ...

- Source of Spiritual maturity.

<sup>15</sup> *“but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—”*  
Ephesians 4:15

Participants have a close relationship with Jesus Christ.

- Supply of Spiritual unity.

<sup>16</sup> *“from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part, ...”*  
Ephesians 4:16a

Participants contribute to the oneness of the body.

- Sharing of Spiritual productivity.

<sup>16</sup> *“...does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”* Ephesians 4:16b

They enjoy an increase of people and love within the body.