



**Series:** 1 Peter

**Passage** 1 Peter 4:1-11

**Title:** How to Effectively Use Your Spiritual Gifts

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## Discussion Starter

In what way is the calling of God on your life connected to your spiritual gifting by God? How do you see these two things working together?

## Chosen By God for a Purpose (1 Peter 2:5, 9-10, 4:1-9)

- How would you express what Peter is outlining as our natural outflow response to the mercy we as Christians have received from God?
- Read Romans 12:1-2. What are some additional things you see mentioned about our response as Christians to the mercy we have received from God?
- Read 1 Peter 4:1-4. Describe in your own words what the connection is between our suffering and arming ourselves with the same mind of Christ. What should we realize as Christians as to what our standing is in the world?
- Read 1 Peter 4:5-6. Describe what is taking place here. What are the judgements and whom are the people being judged?
- Read 1 Peter 4:7-9. How can we be serious and watchful in our prayers? Describe in your own words how you see love covering a multitude of sins. What is the warning given about being hospitable to one another? Why do you think this warning is mentioned?

## How to Effectively Use Your Spiritual Gifts (1 Peter 4:10-11)

- Describe what it means to be considered good stewards of the manifold grace of God. What key information does 1 Peter 4:10 tell us about spiritual gifts and why is this important?
- Read Romans 12:3-8. What are Spiritual Gifts? What warning does Paul give us in how we are to see these spiritual gifts in ourselves and others?
- When you think of spiritual gifts which ones first come to your mind? Who do these spiritual gifts apply to? Which gifts do you think you have? Which one's would you like to have and why? Read 1 Corinthians 12:5, 27-31. Discuss the additional insights you see in these verses.
- Do you see yourself as Jesus' Instrument? If so, in what way, If not, why not?
- Why is it important as Christians not to draw attention to ourselves as we use the spiritual gifts given to us by God? Read 1 Corinthians 12:14-17. What can we learn from these verses about how we look at the different spiritual gifts?
- Why is it important to use and exercise our spiritual gifts? Read Matthew 25:29-30. Discuss the application and relevance to the exercising of our spiritual gifts.