

1st Peter


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1st Peter 4:10-11


- ¹⁰ God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. ¹¹ 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.
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1st Cor 12:4-11

- **⁴ There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. ⁶ God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. ⁷ A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. ⁸ To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. ⁹ The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. ¹⁰ He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. ¹¹ It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.**



Spiritual Gifts

- **Verse #7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.**
 - **The purpose of Spiritual Gifts is service, in and through, the Body of Christ.**
 - **Different people have different gifts and the one(s) you have is the best one for you.**
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Spiritual Gifts

- **We tend to give more attention to the gifts that put a person in front of others (preaching and teaching), but those people are not more spiritual or more important than the rest of the Body.**
- **Someone with a ‘behind the scenes’ gift is every bit as valuable as the one who stands and speaks.**
- **As a matter of fact, Paul compares the Body of Christ to the human body – the liver is extremely important to the human body, but is never seen and rarely talked about. 😊**






Spiritual Gifts

- We are given gifts, talents, time, and treasure in this life with which to serve God.
 - Talents are in the physical DNA and are physical abilities – mechanics, singing, math skills, and the like.
 - Talents, though not spiritual gifts, can be used for spiritual purposes when surrendered to the Holy Spirit. (*everything God created can be used for spiritual purposes*)
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Spiritual Gifts

- In verse #11, Peter says, “Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ.”
 - We are to take our giftedness seriously, and in fact part of our evaluation at the Bema Seat will be - what did we do with what we were given?
 - And then he caps it off with “everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ”.
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Glory to God

- **The glory of God is like beauty – extremely hard to define, but we know it when we see it.**
 - **One writer puts it like this – “The glory of God is the infinite beauty and greatness of his manifold perfections.”**
 - **John 11:40 "Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" (the resurrection of Lazarus) Did they see God’s glory, or God’s power?**
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Glory to God

- **John 1:14** And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth – (did they see His glory, or His works?)
 - **John 17:4** "I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do."
 - There is a link between our perception of the glory of God and His works - perhaps for now it is fair to say that we see His glory in His works.
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Glory to God

- All that God is, all that He has, all that He does, His power, His wisdom, His presence, and His holiness all serve to make Him glorious.
 - All of the above serve to magnify and exalt Him.
 - So when we say 'glory to God' we are responding with praise to Him for who He is already, we are not adding something to Him.
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Glory to God

- **Exodus 14:4 And once again I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will chase after you. I have planned this in order to display my glory through Pharaoh and his whole army. After this the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord!**
 - **How important is the glory of the Lord?**
 - **Important enough to wipe out thousands of unsaved men to display it!**
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Glory to God

- Romans 1:22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.
 - Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (fall short of being like God)
 - Here we see link between the glory of God and the works he requires of us.
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Glory to God

- Romans 8:21 the creation looks forward to the day when it will *join God's children in glorious freedom* from death and decay.
 - Romans 8:30 And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, *he gave them his glory.*
 - He gives us His glory?
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Glory to God

- **11 Cor 4:6** For God, who said, “Let there be light in the darkness,” has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.
 - So there is a sense in which we already have His glory residing in us, and it can be seen in us when we cooperate with Him.
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Glory to God

- For now, we see glimpses of His glory in us through the works Christ does in and through us.
 - However, I do believe the day will come when His glory will be fully realized in us – and on that day there will need to be a new place for us to show His glory. (the new earth)
 - Phil 3:21 He will take our weak mortal bodies and *change them into glorious bodies like his own*, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.
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Glory to God

- Romans 9:22 In the same way, even though God has the right to show his anger and his power, he is very patient with those on whom his anger falls, who are destined for destruction. 23 *He does this to make the riches of his glory shine even brighter on those to whom he shows mercy, who were prepared in advance for glory.*
 - Why does God allow all of the awful conditions of today? – because in some way, awful as these conditions are, serve to glorify God.
 - And though beyond our understanding is good, right, and just.
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Glory to God

- Isaiah 43:7 Bring all who claim me as their God, for I have made them for my glory. It was I who created them.
 - We were made to show the glory of God – if it is not our sole purpose, it is certainly our chief purpose.
 - 1st Peter 2:9 But ye are a elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies (glories) of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:
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Glory to God

- **This is true – there is nothing about God that ever detracts from Him.**
 - **Everything we learn of Him, through His Word, or through experience, serves only to add to His majesty.**
 - **He is not like us – the more we learn of each other, the more certain it is that faults will appear – that is never the case with God.**
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Glory to God

- **Matt 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.**
- **Give glory to God?**
- **It is not possible for any of us to do something that it would add glory to God, but it is possible for us to reveal His glory, thus making Him appear to be more glorious to others.**






Glory to God

- **We should think in terms of broadening the view of God – to ourselves and to others.**
 - **One who is perfect cannot be improved upon – He is already complete as He is.**
 - **But – what can be improved upon is our view of Him and the more we see of Him, the better he looks.**
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Glory to God

- The results of seeing God as He is are profound – I believe an open heart finds Him irresistible.
 - John 16:12 “There is so much more I want to tell you, but you can’t bear it now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. 14 He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, ‘The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.’
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Glory to God

- **1st Cor 10:31** Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
 - **We have daily opportunities to glorify (reveal) God in the simplest things of life.**
 - **Interestingly enough, it is often in the trenches of life where Jesus' appeal is the strongest. (woman at the well)**
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Questions

