



MESSAGE NOTES

Being Generous With Our Spiritual Gifts

1 Peter 4:10

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1. For the benefit of others

1 Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

Everyone has different strengths and weaknesses. Some people are better at doing some things while other people are better at doing others. Spiritual gifts are our individual strengths and abilities given to us by God. There are all kinds of spiritual gifts but none of them are given for our benefit. They are all for the purpose of loving and serving other people.

2. Making the most of your gifts

Matthew 25:29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.

Our spiritual gifts and abilities grow when we invest them in helping and loving other people. That's when the full potential of our gifts is realized. On the other hand, if we bury our gifts in only living for ourselves, they won't grow or multiply and will eventually be lost.

3. Prophets, priests and kings

Revelation 1:5-6 To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

In Old Testament times prophets, priests and kings were the three positions anointed by God to fulfill His work on this earth. Considering these three roles may help you to discover your true spiritual gifts and how God might want to use you in serving other people.