

# Gifted to Serve

## 1 Peter 4:7-11

### **Introduction:**

**To Serve** – is to pursue a life of holiness with God, to pursue love with others so that we cover their sins, so that we meet their needs whether they be friend or foe, and to serve them with the gifts God has given us through our transformed life.

*What comes to mind when you think of Salvation?*

### **I. Incentive to Spiritual Duty v.7a**

- a. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ
- b. Christ could return at any time  
Matt 24:44
- c. We should be anticipating the Lord's return Mark 13:35-37
- d. Today the Church should live with a far greater expectancy

### **II. Our Personal Holiness v.7b**

- a. We must guard our mind
- b. Our mind must be clearly fixed on spiritual priorities and righteous living  
Josh 1:8
- c. Holy living also requires spiritual alertness
- d. Godly thinking and spiritual alertness are crucial for the purpose of prayer

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### **III. Love for the Body of Christ v.8**

- a. Our love must be fervent – meaning intense and reaching as far as we can
- b. Our love must be sacrificial 1 Cor 13:4-8

### **IV. Love for Strangers v.9**

- a. Hospitable means to love strangers
- b. Jesus commended believers who provided for others Matt 25:35-40
- c. Our hospitality must be done with an unselfish attitude and without complaint

### **V. Our Duty of Service v.10**

- a. Each person has a special gift
- b. This gift is what we are to use to serve the Church
- c. The gifts are varied Rom 12:4-8

### **VI. Speaking or Serving Gifts v.11a**

- a. Speaking gifts will minister through preaching, teaching, sharing of wisdom, of knowledge, and discernment
- b. Serving gifts will minister through areas such as administration, prayer, mercy, and helps

### **VII. Intention of Our Duty v.11b**

- a. To Glorify God
- b. Glorified through Jesus Christ