

## 1 Peter 4:10-11

<sup>10</sup> As good stewards of the manifold grace of God, each of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve one another. <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, he should speak as one conveying the words of God. If anyone serves, he should serve with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

Berean Study Bible

<sup>10</sup> As each has received a gift, serve one another,  
as good stewards of the diverse grace of God.  
<sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks; as the words of God.  
If anyone serves; with the strength that God provides,  
so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ,  
to whom be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

My own translation

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### Four 'G's have been added to your account. 1 Peter 4:10-11

Gifts from God. 4:10a

Everyone is blessed with a gift. 10a "each has received a gift"  
Everyone benefits from your gift. 10a "serve one another"

Goodness with God. 4:10b

No one boasts of their gift. 10b "as good stewards"  
Everyone uses their gift. 10b "stewards"

Grace of God. 4:10b

God's grace is bigger than all of us. 10b "of God"  
God's grace is broader than all of us. 10b "the diverse grace of God"

Glory for God. 4:11

God's glory is to be in all I do. 11b "in all things God may be glorified"  
God's glory is already in Christ. 11b "glorified through Jesus Christ"

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### Gifts? What spiritual gifts? 1 Peter 4:10-11

I have received a spiritual gift. 4:10

My gift is guaranteed. 10a "each has received a gift"

My gift is useful. 10a “serve one another”

My gift is a responsibility. 10b “as good stewards... of God”

I don't know my spiritual gift. 4:11a

I use my words as if they are my gift. 11a “If anyone speaks; as...”

I use my deeds as if they are my gift. 11a “If anyone serves; with...”

I can still use my spiritual gift. 4:11b

My gifts have an ultimate purpose. 11b “in all things God may be glorified

My gifts are for the ultimate Person. 11b “glorified through Jesus Christ”

My gifts symbolise the ultimate power. 11b “to whom be the glory and the power”

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### **This is what makes me special. 1 Peter 4:10-11**

I've got something special from God. 4:10

I am responsible to others. 10a “serve one another”

I am responsible to God. 10b “good stewards of... grace of God”

I've got something special for you. 4:11a

I've got something to say. 11a “as the words of God”

I've got strength to do. 11a “strength that God provides”

I give something special to God. 4:11b

God is glorified by me. 11b “in all things God may be glorified”

God is glorified in Jesus. 11b “through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory”

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### **Free gift for everyone. 1 Peter 4:10-11**

I have received a gift. 4:10a

My gift is personal. 10a “each has received a gift”

My gift is practical. 10a “serve one another”

I am responsible for my gift. 4:10b-11a

Mine, but not for me. 10b “as good stewards”

Mine, but not of me. 11a “...that God provides”

I give recognition to the giver. 4:11b

My gift is to glorify the Father. 11b “in all things God may be glorified”

My gift is to glorify the Son. 11b “glorified through Jesus Christ”

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### **The purpose of my life is to live a life of purpose. 1 Peter 4:10-11**

A life of purpose needs resources to live. 4:10a

God's resources have been passed to me. 10a "each has received a gift"

God's resources are to be passed through me. 10a "serve one another"

A life of purpose needs responsibilities to live. 4:10b-11a

Responsibility requires humility. 10b "as good stewards"

Responsibility requires integrity. 11a "of God"

A life of purpose needs reasons to live. 4:11b

I have present reasons to live. 11b "in all things"

I have eternal reasons to live. 11b "forever and ever"

### **Becoming the better me. 1 Peter 4:10-11**

I enhance my relationship to myself because of my skillset

My attitude is humility. 10a "has received a gift"

My action is practicality. 10a "received a gift, serve"

I enhance my relationship to others because I am a servant

I am to be generous in giving to others. 10a "serve"

I am to be gracious in receiving from others. 10a "one another"

I enhance my relationship to God because I am a steward

I am to emphasise the giver. 10b "good stewards of the diverse grace of God"

I am to emphasise His glory. 11 "in all things God may be glorified"

### **Other possible titles**

Are you good enough to be a servant?

Unwrap your gift.

God only gives useful gifts.

Shopping for God.

Giving God's gifts back to God.

Speaking gifts. Service gifts. But no Sign gifts.

Since God can do anything, what is left for me to do?

My place in the world.

But I'm not spiritual enough to have spiritual gifts.

Ambassadors in a foreign land.

Godly people in an ungodly world.

What am I doing here?

Living life on purpose.  
Why suicide can never be an option.  
Becoming a person of value.  
Maximising my skillset.

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## Quotes and illustrations

### 10 “each has received a gift”

We have different gifts according to the grace given us. Romans 12:6a

For who makes you so superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not? 1 Corinthians 4:7

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.  
1 Corinthians 12:7

All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who apportions them to each one as He determines. 1 Corinthians 12:11

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 1:3

Sermon inspiration for 1 Peter 1:1-2.

### 10 “serve one another”

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:45

Your willingness to serve God is as important as your service to God. Jim George

Most of us use ‘I’m waiting for God to reveal His calling on my life’ as a means of avoiding action. Did you hear God calling you to sit in front of the television yesterday? Or to go on your last vacation? Or exercise this morning? Probably not, but you still did it. The point isn’t that vacations or exercise are wrong, but that we are quick to rationalize our entertainment and priorities yet are slow to commit to serving God. Francis Chan

What is it to serve God and to do His will? Nothing else than to show mercy to our neighbour. For it is our own neighbour who needs our service; God in heaven needs it not. Martin Luther

It is within my power either to serve God or not to serve Him. Serving Him, I add to my own good and the good of the whole world. Not serving Him, I forfeit my own good and deprive the world of that good, which was in my power to create. Leo Tolstoy

The only way you can serve God is by serving other people. Rick Warren

## 10 “good stewards of the diverse grace of God”

And the Lord said, “Who then is the faithful and sensible steward, whom his master will put in charge of his servants, to give them their rations at the proper time? Luke 12:42

Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Engage in business until I come.’ Luke 19:13

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 1 Corinthians 4:1

We don't serve God to gain His acceptance; we are accepted so we serve God. We don't follow Him in order to be loved; we are loved so we follow Him. Neil T Anderson

Each day is precious when we consider what we can do to serve God and His Kingdom. Elizabeth George

One of the greatest rewards that we ever receive for serving God, is the permission to do still more for Him. Charles Spurgeon

God's work, done in God's way, will never lack God's supply. Hudson Taylor

Whenever you serve others in any way, you are actually serving God. Rick Warren

## 11 “If anyone speaks; as the words of God.”

For we are not like so many others, who peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as men sent from God. 2 Corinthians 2:17

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. Ephesians 4:29

So many times we say that we can't serve God because we aren't whatever is needed. We're not talented enough or smart enough or whatever. But if you are in covenant with Jesus Christ, He is responsible for covering your weaknesses, for being your strength. He will give you His abilities for your disabilities! Kay Arthur

Don't let any opportunity lead you away from serving God. That's a price that's too high to pay. George Foreman

He who does not serve God where he is would not serve God anywhere else. Charles Spurgeon

No life can surpass that of a man who quietly continues to serve God in the place where providence has placed him. Charles Spurgeon

That's what I love about serving God. In His eyes, there are no little people...because there are no big people. We are all on the same playing field. Joni Eareckson Tada

Christianity is hard when we try to serve God in man's way instead of serving God in God's way. Aiden Wilson Tozer

## 11 “so that in all things God may be glorified”

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen. Romans 11:36

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think of yourself with sober judgment, according to the measure of faith God has given you. Romans 12:3

Whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31b

True leadership is serving God and not looking for the glory that might come from it. You don't do it for the glory or personal benefit but for God's glory. You don't take credit for anything that is done, but praise God for everything that He has done through you. Vonette Bright

It's a weak faith that only serves God in times of blessing. The book of Job teaches us that true faith, genuine faith, great faith is revealed only when we serve and trust God in the hard times, the times of suffering, loss, and opposition. That's the kind of faith that makes the world sit up and take notice. Ray Stedman

How utterly terrible is the current idea that Christians can serve God at their own convenience. Aiden Wilson Tozer

## 11 “God may be glorified through Jesus Christ”

<sup>10</sup>Then David blessed the LORD in the sight of all the assembly and said: “May You be blessed, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. <sup>11</sup>Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the splendour and the majesty, for everything in heaven and on earth belongs to You. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom, and You are exalted as head over all. <sup>12</sup>Both riches and honour come from You, and You are the ruler over all. In Your hands are power and might to exalt and give strength to all. <sup>13</sup>Now therefore, our God, we give You thanks, and we praise Your glorious name. 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

<sup>18</sup>I ask that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know the hope of His calling, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and the surpassing greatness of His power to us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of His mighty strength, <sup>20</sup>which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. Ephesians 1:18-21

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## Music and songs

Songs about service, v10-11

Before You I kneel (Workers' prayer). Ot 98

Brother, sister, let me serve you. SiS 256

From Heaven You came... the Servant King. 674

I serve a risen Saviour... He lives. H 725  
Make me a servant, Lord.  
Reach out to your neighbour. FE 17

Songs about glorifying God, v11

Give Him glory, 270  
Glory Jesus glory, You do the fighting for me.  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth. 206  
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul, CWH 46  
To God be the glory great things He hath done. H  
The power and the glory of Your Name, Ot 24  
The sun is shining bright... Glory, glory to our King. Ot 59

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### **Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion**

1. Why do you think organisations usually begin with a Purpose Statement (sometimes called a Vision Statement)?
  2. Why do you think most individuals do not have their own personal Purpose Statement?
  3. Look at v10. How would you suggest someone use their spiritual gift if they don't even know what spiritual gift they have been given?
  4. Still in v10, what is a steward? How do I become a "good steward"?
  5. In v11, God is "glorified through Jesus Christ". How did Jesus do that?
  6. What are the seven ways we can glorify God; and give an example of each of them?  
(Rev.5:13 | Ps.86:12 | Rom.4:20 | Phil.1:11 | Matt.5:16 | 2 Cor.9:13 | 1 Cor.6:20)
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