

III. THE REQUIREMENT FOR SPIRITUAL GIFTS IS GOOD STEWARDSHIP

“...as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”
I Peter 4:10c

- A. Good stewardship means faithfully using the gifts that God gives you in ministry.

“Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.”
I Corinthians 4:2

- B. You must fulfil the ministry that God has for you.

“...Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.”
Colossians 4:17b

IV. THE RESULT OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS IS THE GLORY OF GOD

“...If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified ...”
I Peter 4:11b

- A. We are not to bring glory to ourselves.

“For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?”
I Corinthians 4:7

“I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.”
Isaiah 42:8

- B. We are to bring glory to God.

“Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”
I Corinthians 10:31

“according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.”
Philippians 1:20

GET IN THE GAME!

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Join Our T.E.A.M.!
Pastor Steve Reynolds

INTRODUCTION

- A. Football season is here! Football is 22 people on the field who desperately need a break being watched by thousands of people in the stands who desperately need exercise.

Sadly this sounds a lot like the Church.

20% of the people doing 80% of the work.

WE NEED EVERYONE TO GET IN THE GAME.

Not everyone is gifted to play football, but everyone is gifted to serve God.

“10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

11 ... If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified...”

I Peter 4:10-11b

- B. God doesn't want you sitting on the bench or hanging out on the sidelines. He wants you in the game using your gifts to minister to others. Our Get In The Game Teaching Series will show you four “moves” to make for winning at serving.

TODAY Join Our T.E.A.M.!

Aug 27 Let God's Spirit “Move In”

Sep 3 Let The Pastors “Move Over”

Sep 10 Let The People “Move Up”

Sep 17 Let The Church “Move Forward”

Sep 24 Game Time! Let's Go!

- C. **TEXT:** I Peter 4:10-11

T.E.A.M. stands for **T**ogether **E**xperiencing **A** Ministry.

HOW TO JOIN OUR T.E.A.M.!

I. THE REALITY OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS IS THAT EVERY CHRISTIAN HAS THEM.

“As each one has received a gift, ...” I Peter 4:10a

A. The Degree: Every Christian

“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:” I Corinthians 12:7

God gives you three gifts when you get saved:

- God gives you eternal life.
“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
Romans 6:23
- God gives you the Holy Spirit.
“...the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” Romans 5:5b
- God gives you spiritual gifts.
“Therefore He says: “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.”
Ephesians 4:8

B. The Definition:

“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:” I Corinthians 12:1

The problem is not that Christians do not know what their spiritual gifts are. The problem is most Christians do not know what a spiritual gift is.

A spiritual gift is an expression of the Holy Spirit in the life of every Christian, which enables them to effectively serve in their local church.

II. THE REASON FOR SPIRITUAL GIFTS IS MINISTRY

“...minister it to one another,” I Peter 4:10b

A. There are two types of church members:

- Spectators – those who view the local church as a place to be served.
- Participants – those who view the local church as a place to serve.

B. God commands you to be a participant in ministry, not a spectator.

A Participant has a ...

- Source of Spiritual maturity.
“but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—”
Ephesians 4:15
Participants have a close relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Supply of Spiritual unity.
“from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part, ...”
Ephesians 4:16a
Participants contribute to the oneness of the body.
- Sharing of Spiritual productivity.
“...does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.” Ephesians 4:16b
They enjoy an increase of people and love within the body.