

## BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

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## MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK



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### PRAY

- for Brother Jim, who is in the hospital in Virginia. Jim is being treated but we are not sure if this a permanent solution for him.
- for a pastor for the local congregation. There have been 3 men called into ministry but only one of them is still serving in some capacity today.
- for Dominic and Dominique from our previous letters, they both are in desperate need of your prayers. Neither stayed in the counseling program in Oklahoma. God has been merciful and longsuffering with them.
- Also pray for the family of a 23 year old man, who recently passed away with alcohol addiction. He and many other young adults are losing their life to alcohol on the reservation and in the Gallup, NM area.



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Study Date: 08/20/23

## Join Our T.E.A.M.

Notice first that we should steward God's gift. Peter said that as each has received a gift, we must use those gifts to serve one another (10).

According to Peter, everyone with a gift in the church has something to offer the others in the church. This is particularly impressive when you think of the original recipients of Peter's letter. Many of them had lived their entire lives in the filth of idolatry. Many of them were the outcasts of society. And there are strong indications throughout Peter's letter that they had mostly been a partying and sensual people before surrendering to Christ. But, now converted, justified, and born of the Spirit, they all had something to offer the rest of the church.

In hockey, there is a penalty box for bad behavior. I don't follow or understand hockey very much, but that penalty box situation cracks me up—grown men, penalized, taking a timeout in a box with plexiglass walls so the whole world can watch them think about what they've done. I especially love it when way too many of them are stuffed in there at the same time.

I think many of us have a penalty box view of our usability before God. We think our past lives, our exposure to various sins, our bad behavior takes us out of the game. And, make no mistake, God wants us to pursue holiness because he is holy. The less we sin, the less we hurt others and ourselves. The less we sin, the less we hurt the church's mission. But, no matter our pasts, and sometimes because of our pasts, every true believer has something to offer the church. Every believer can be a gift to the rest of the church. He wants all of us to serve one another.

God envisions the church as a community with Christ as its head. He gave the church apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers (Ephesians 4:11). But he also gave the church every individual believer. Earlier in his letter, Peter introduced us to the priesthood of all believers. Though some word-based offices exist, all of us are called to serve others. And the Holy Spirit longs to gift and empower each one of us to make a difference in the church community.

So every believer is meant to be a minister to other believers. And, according to Peter, we must steward the gifts God has given us. We must use the gifts he's given.

Brothers and sisters, Peter says we should be good stewards of God's varied grace (10). We must use the gifts he's given. We must fulfill the assignment he left us. Like Jesus said, ask the Father for the gifts he has for you, trusting him that he will give you the gifts of the Spirit he has planned for you.

Source: “Steward God's Gift (1 Peter 4:10)” by Nate Holdridge

## KEY VERSE

I Peter 4:10 (NKJV)

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

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday: I Peter 4:10-11; Acts 1:8; John 14:16-17**

### Introduction

1. List some attributes of a great team?
2. How is Capital Baptist a team? What do you think your role is on the team?

**Tuesday: I Peter 4:10a; Romans 12:6-8; Ephesians 4:11-16**

### The Reality of Spiritual Gifts is Every Christian Has Them

3. What can we learn about Spiritual Gifts from today's readings?
4. What is your Spiritual Gift or Gifts? If you don't know are you willing to do a Spiritual Gift inventory in our purple folder system to find out?

**Wednesday: I Peter 4:10b; I Corinthians 12:4-11; Mark 10:45**

### The Reason for Spiritual Gifts is Ministry

5. Why did God give you a Spiritual Gift?
6. How do you use the Spiritual Gifts that God gave at Capital?

**Thursday: I Peter 4:10c; I Corinthians 4:1-2; Matthew 25:14-30**

### The Requirement for Spiritual Gifts is Good Stewardship

7. What does it mean to be a good steward of something?
8. What does stewardship of a Spiritual Gift look like?
9. What words would you use to describe your stewardship of your Spiritual Gifts? What are some steps you can take to improve your stewardship?

**Friday: I Peter 4:11; Ephesians 3:20-21; Isaiah 43:6-7**

### The Results of Spiritual Gifts is the Glory of God

10. How does your use of Spiritual Gifts bring glory to God?
11. When have you seen this happen in your life?
12. What is God teaching you about service to Him this week?