



## **Faith Bible Study Guide**

**For the Week of Nov 15th, 2020**

### **“Stewardship part III - gifts and time”**

**Group or Individual Study guide**

#### **OPENING TO GOD [2 Minutes]**

Greet everyone, and begin with 1 minute of silence to allow the group to open themselves to the Holy Spirit.

#### **HOOK:**

1. Are you a good time manager?
2. When you think about being a good steward of your time or talent, what do you think of?

**BOOK:** Read both of these passages concerning use of gifts. Think about them in the context of stewardship

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Brothers and sisters, I don't want you to be ignorant about spiritual gifts. **2** You know that when you were Gentiles you were often misled by false gods that can't even speak. **3** So I want to make it clear to you that no one says, "Jesus is cursed!" when speaking by God's Spirit, and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. **4** There are different spiritual

gifts but the same Spirit; **5** and there are different ministries and the same Lord; **6** and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. **7** A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. **8** A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, **9** faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, **10** performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. **11** All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

Read 1st Peter 4:10-11 - And serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God's diverse gifts. 11 Whoever speaks should do so as those who speak God's word. Whoever serves should do so from the strength that God furnishes. Do this so that in everything God may be honored through Jesus Christ. To him be honor and power forever and always. Amen.

1. Most of the time, the Bible speaks to spiritual gifts/ talents. Do you think that there are different categories of gifts (e.g. practical, spiritual, leadership)? Why or why not?
2. In the 1st Corinthian verse, Paul advocates for the Spirit is the source of one's gifts. Have you seen a relationship between spiritual vitality and the use of gifts?
  - a. If you believe so, then spirituality plays a role in being a steward of your gifts. A prerequisite to a good steward would be a spiritually active person. Do you agree/ disagree with this idea?
3. If you were to design a prescription for a holistic spiritual experience, what would you recommend a person do with their time?
4. Can you be a good steward of your gifts, but be a bad steward of your time? Is there an interplay between these two that really matters?

**LOOK:** You are needed.

1. We don't like to brag, so instead of bragging, what gifts have people recognized in you? What were you doing or involved in that may have sparked this thought?
  - a. What other ministries, missions, or areas could this gift be used for?
  - b. How does your time (lack of or abundance of) play into all of this?

**TOOK:** Think about a gift that you know you have. Think about a completely different place where that could be used.

\*Throughout this 4 part study on stewardship, we will further explore the theme of stewardship by looking at tithing vs generosity, stewardship of your time and talents, and how stewardship can be a spiritual discipline.