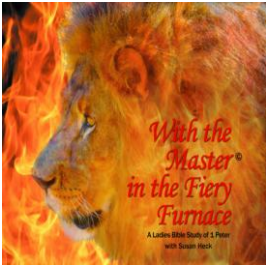


With the Master in the Fiery Furnace—Lesson 19—1 Peter 4:9-11-Knowing and Using Your Spiritual Gifts for the Glory of God



1. (a) Read Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:11-13; and 1 Peter 4:9-11. List the spiritual gifts you find mentioned in these three passages. (b) Looking over the list, define as many of these as you can, either by what you know or by what you can research.
2. Memorize 1 Peter 4:9.
3. (a) Why are spiritual gifts given, according to Ephesians 4:12 and 1 Peter 4:11? (b) According to 1 Corinthians 12:11 who gives these gifts to us? (c) Do we all have the same gift(s), according to Romans 12:4 and 1 Corinthians 12:4 (d) What does 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 say regarding the attitude that should be present in us when using our gifts?
4. Read Matthew 25:14-30. (a) What can you learn from this parable regarding the seriousness of not using the gifts God has given to you? (b) What other observations do you see in the parable regarding talents? Write down as many as you can. (Examples: 1. God gives one to some, many to others-verse 15. 2. Fear keeps us from using what God has given us-verse 25.)
5. (a) Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? If so, what are they? (b) How are you using them for the Lord? (c) How are you refining them? For example, if you have the gift of teaching, are you learning and growing and sharpening that gift for God's glory? If you have the gift of mercy, are you looking for individuals to show mercy to, as well as thinking of creative ideas in how to be merciful? (d) How can you encourage others to use their gifts for the Lord?
6. (a) What attitude should accompany our hospitality, according to 1 Peter 4:9? (b) Who is commanded to be hospitable, according to Romans 12:13 (see verse 1); 1 Timothy 3:2; 5:9, 10; and Titus 1:7, 8? (c) According to Matthew 25:31-46 and Hebrews 13:1, 2, what are some reasons you should want to be hospitable?
7. What are some practical tips you have learned that help you to simplify and to enjoy having people in your home?
8. After prayerfully considering this lesson, how might we pray for you regarding spiritual gifts or hospitality? Please write down your request.

**** FOR A RICH BLESSING THIS WEEK: READ OVER THESE BEAUTIFUL DOXOLOGIES (perhaps a few each day) AND WORSHIP THE LORD! Rom. 9:4, 5; 11:33-36; 16:27; Gal. 1:4, 5; Eph. 3:20, 21; Phil 4:20; 1 Tim. 1:17; 6:16; 2 Tim. 4:18; Heb. 13:20, 21; 1 Pet., 4:11; 5:11; 2 Pet. 3:18; Jude 24, 25; Rev. 1:6; 5:13; 7:12.**