

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION WEEK THREE: TIME TO UNWRAP YOUR GIFTS

Sunday, October 3, 2021

1 PETER 4:7-11

⁷ The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers. ⁸ Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay.

¹⁰ God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. ¹¹ Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

(New Living Translation)

⁷ The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

(English Standard Version)

⁷ The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰ Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ¹¹ Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

(New Revised Standard Version)

Discussion Questions:

1. Peter urges our prayer lives to be “earnest, disciplined, self-controlled, sober-minded, and serious.” In what ways are you **OR** can you apply this to your prayer life?
2. Peter tells us to “above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.”
 - a. Last week we talked about love being the only thing we owe one another. How did you do with that this week? How can you do better this week?
 - b. What makes “maintaining love for one another” easy or *hard* for you?
 - c. How does my love cover sins? What do you think Peter is trying to say?
3. We convey love through acts of hospitality and service, which Peter connects to the spiritual gifts we’ve been given. What are your spiritual gifts? (See Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31; Ephesians 4:7-16)
4. This week how can you glorify God in all things? What will that look like?