

HOW ARE BELIEVERS TO LIVE IN THESE LAST DAYS?
WE ARE TO BE FAITHFULLY SERVING CHRIST HIS WAY
1 PETER 4:11

- I. **REVIEW:** We must **AS GOOD STEWARDS CONTINUALLY OBEY THE COMMAND** to be employing our gifts received (4:10)
 - A. Each one has received a special gift and is commanded to employ it (10a)
 - B. We must understand the nature of these gifts as revealed in Scripture (10b, Rom. 12, 1Cor. 12, Eph. 4)
 - 1. They are **grace gifts** (i.e. we did nothing to merit them)
 - 2. They are **not natural talents**
 - 3. There are **various** spiritual gifts. (SEE BACK for LIST)
 - 4. They are for **serving the body of Christ**
 - C. We are to **obey God and employ them**, recognizing our great responsibility as stewards of our gifts (10b)
- II. We must **FOLLOW THE GUIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF THESE GIFTS (4:11a)**
 - A. **If *Speaking***, as the Words of God (11a)
 - B. **If *Serving***, by His strength (11a)
- III. We must **UNDERSTAND THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE FOR THEIR EXERCISE:** That God is glorified through Christ in everything (4:11b)

I. SPIRITUAL GIFTS MENTIONED IN 1CORINTHIANS 12:8-10 AND 12:28-30

A. Gifts functioning today (You might have one or more of these 😊)

1. **Faith**
2. **Discerning of spirits**
3. **Teachers (also in Rom 12)**
4. **Helps**
5. **Administrations/steering/leading**

B. Foundational (revelatory) or sign gifts thus done away or ceased (You don't have these!)

1. Word of wisdom (See 1Cor 13:8-10)
2. Word of knowledge (See 1Cor 13:8-10)
3. Healings (See Acts 2:22, 8:5-8 2Cor 2:12, Heb 2:3-4, Eph 2:19-22)
4. Powers or miracles (See Acts 2:22, 8:5-8 2Cor 2:12, Heb 2:3-4, Eph 2:19-22)
5. Prophecy (also in Romans 12) (See Eph 2:19-22, 2Peter 2:1, 1Cor 13:8-10)
6. Tongues (See 1Cor 14:20-22, 1 Cor 13:8)
7. Interpretation of tongues (See 1Cor 14:20-22, 1 Cor 13:8)
8. Apostles (See Eph 2:19-22)
9. Prophets (See Eph 2:19-22, 2Peter 2:1, 1Cor 13:8-10)

II. SPIRITUAL GIFTS MENTIONED IN ROMANS 12:6-8

A. Gifts functioning today (You might have one or more of these 😊)

1. **Serving**
2. **Teaching (also in 1Cor 12)**
3. **Exhortation/encouragement**
4. **Giving**
5. **Leading/ruling**
6. **Mercy**

B. Foundational (revelatory) gifts thus done away (You don't have these!)

1. Prophecy (also in 1Cor 12) (See Eph 2:19-22, 2Peter 2:1, 1Cor 13:8-10)

III. SPIRITUAL GIFTS MENTIONED IN EPHESIANS 4:11

A. Gifts functioning today (You might have one or more of these 😊)

1. **Evangelists**
2. **Pastor/teachers**

B. Foundational (revelatory) gifts thus done away (You don't have these!)

1. Apostles (See Eph 2:19-22)
2. Prophets (See Eph 2:19-22, 2Peter 2:1-2, 1Cor 13:8-10)