**Discovering My Spiritual Gifts Series June 5, 2022**

Every Person Has **At Least One Spiritual Gift**

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Spiritual Gifts are Given **to be Used**

* “employ it in serving one another”
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* “as good stewards of the manifold grace of God”
  + Good stewards take what the master has given them and use it for maximum benefit
  + Peter here shows us that God’s abundant grace is over all Christians, enabling us to use what He has given to grow His kingdom

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  + You cannot use your spiritual gift in your own strength
    - If you do you will be destined to fail!
  + The Holy Spirit provides both the gift AND the means to use it

The Goal of Spiritual Gifts: **To glorify God**

* So that in all things, God may be glorified”
  + We must not use gifts to make ourselves feel good about ourself or to put ourselves on a pedestal
  + The goal is always to draw people closer to God that by the use of our gifts, people know the Lord, worship Him, and choose to serve Him as well

Spiritual Gifts Summary

* A spiritual (grace) gift is a Holy Spirit given ability to serve God and the church so that God is glorified and other Christians are built up in their faith
* Every Christian possesses at least one gift
  + The gift will fall into one of two categories:
    - Speaking gifts
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**What does this mean for me?**

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