

A DISTINCT CHURCH WE HAVE HIGHLY COMMITTED PARTICIPANTS 1 PETER 4:8-11

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - May 28, 2023

1.Show _____ 1 Peter 4:8–11 (ESV) 8 Above all, keep loving one another (vv. 8-9) 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. 2. Faithfully _____

(vv. 10-11a)

3. Remember _____

(v. 11b)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read Ephesians 4:11-16**. As you think about this ideal picture and the totality of this sermon, how would you like to see yourself grow as someone who contributes to a growing, healthy church body?

2. **Read Colossians 3:12-14**. While these verses sound so good, why is it often so difficult to practice things like "patience," "bearing with one another," and "forgiving one another"? How should the reminder that you are "holy and beloved" help motivate you?

3. **Read 1 Peter 4:9**. How can you work to avoid the grumbling that will inevitably be a temptation as you are inconvenienced as you seek to serve others?

4. **Read 1 Peter 4:10-11**. How would you evaluate your own stewardship of the role God is calling you to play in the body? Consider what you are doing to serve others and how you are going about doing it. How would you like to grow in faithful stewardship of your gift?

5. **Read 1 Corinthians 10:31**. How should a desire for God to be glorified practically affect your attitude and actions in your own local church body?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Sande, Ken. The Peacemaker. Baker Books, 2004.

Schreiner, Tom. Spiritual Gifts: What They Are & Why They Matter. B&H Publishing, 2018.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that our church would be a healthy church body.

Pray that our church would be characterized by love.

Pray that we would be faithful stewards of the gifts God has given us..

Pray that 2023 is the most faithful and fruitful year of evangelism in your life.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

| REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING | | |
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| Date | Old Testament | New Testament |
| 5/29 | Isaiah 1-3 | Acts 23 |
| 5/30 | Isaiah 4-6 | Acts 24 |
| 5/31 | Isaiah 7-9 | Acts 25 |
| 6/1 | Isaiah 10-13 | Acts 26 |
| 6/2 | Isaiah 14-18 | Acts 27 |
| 6/3 | Isaiah 19-23 | Acts 28 |