

Sermon Outline July 21, 2024 Pastor Bryan Myers

Gifted!

1 Peter 4:10-11

* There's a place just for you on Team Jesus.

* You've been ______.

1 Peter 2:9a - But you are a **chosen** people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession...

* Good news! Our church is freakishly ______.

* You've been ______.

1 Peter 4:10-11 - Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

* God's not looking for a room filled up with those who are simply consumers but who are also ______.

* Thoughts turn into ideas, ideas turn into actions, actions turn into habits, habits turn into character, and your character becomes your _____.

* You possess a ______.

1 Corinthians 12:7 - Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given...

* God didn't call us to just occupy a _____ until He returns. He uniquely designed each of us for service.

1 Corinthians 12:18 - But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as He wanted them to be.

* The challenge is that we aren't all gifted ______.

1 Corinthians 12:17a - If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be?

* What should register as a blessing is often clouded by

* Your gift is for the benefit of ______.

1 Corinthians 12:7 - Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given **for the common good**.

* You can't bless others without being _____ yourself.

Acts 20:35b - ...remembering the words the Lord Jesus Himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

* You're to ______ your gift.

The Dash

I read of a man who stood to speak at a funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning...to the end. He noted first the date of birth then spoke of the final date with tears but said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years. - Linda Ellis

Romans 14:12 - So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

God's going to ask each of us, "What did you do with what I gave you?"

* When you are properly expressing your gift, it

* When the church functions the way God designed, it naturally reflects God in a _____ light.

1 Peter 2:12 - Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us.

* To opt out of serving, you must come to the conclusion this scripture _____