"Living Today with a View of Tomorrow"

Text: I Peter 4:10-11 Scripture reading: I Corinthians 12:1-11

I. Sound-minded prayer – vs. 7

II. Well-maintained love – vv. 8-9

III. Grace-gifted service – vv. 10-11

Two supports for vv.8-11 being understood in the context of vs.7:
1. Verses 7-11 are _____ with what is yet to _____.

2. Believers are to not _____ doing these _____.

A) A call to _____ _____ - vs. 10
(Eph. 4:7; Rom. 12:3; I Cor. 12:4, 7)

B) A call to use _____ _____ - vs. 11a
(Col. 2:3; Phil. 4:13)

C) A call to bring _____ to _____ - vs. 11b
(Eph. 4:11-13; Jn. 13:31-32; 17:22)

*"Faith is an ingenious grace; as it hath one eye at the reward, so it hath another eye at duty. The time of life is the only time we have to work for God. Heaven is a place of receiving; this, (*life*) of doing."* -Thomas Watson; English Puritan preacher; 1620-1686

Summary truths and questions for meditation and study:

1) No true believer is _____ a _____-_____
What is/are your gift or gifts? If you are uncertain, how might you be able to identify your giftedness? What does it mean to be a good steward of the gift God has given you?

2) Believers _____ _____ their gifts from God.
What does Peter's inclusion of grace in vs. 10 tell you about your gift? Is there a distinction in this gift of grace from other abilities and talents that you may have? How does grace influence our serving one another in the body of Christ?

3) Our spiritual gifts are _____ by what God _____.
What are some ways that God supplies what is needed in our serving others? What are some ways that we might serve others apart from what God supplies? How can we know the difference?

4) The use of our gifts is to _____ _____ and _____ _____.
How does the instruction on love in vv. 8-9 influence our serving others? What are some ways that you have seen the spiritual gifts of Christians used for ungodly purposes? List the ways that our service to others will, or will not glorify God.

5) How we serve others must glorify God _____ _____.
In vs. 11, what does "*all things*" refer to? We can understand how those who reject Christ cannot glorify God, but how does Peter's mention of Christ describe the exercise/influence of our gifts? In other words, "How do we glorify God through Christ, or not?"

SERMON QUOTE:
C) A call to bring _____ to _____ - vs. 11b

Peter Davids, "*…one of the most disconcerting things about gifts is that God's gifting can be and has been used for ungodly purposes*."