



Called Out – Pt. 4  
*1 Pet. 4:7-11*  
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I. Intro

A. Text: **1 Pet. 4:7-11**

*7 The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. 8 Above all, keep loving one another 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. (1 Pet. 4:7-11)*

B. Recap

1. The church is... a Called Out people.

Church (ekklesia #1577): *assembly of citizens called out from their homes into a public space, congregating to legislate and deliberate.*

2. Christ is our model for ministry.

*12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. (Jn. 14:12)*

a. Jesus did ministry... by relying on the power of the Spirit!

3. Christ is our model for receiving instructions about ministry.

*19 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. (Jn. 5:19)*

a. Jesus used Spiritual Disciplines to know the will of the Father.

b. Spiritual disciplines are the God-prescribed way for the church to know the will of the Father.

c. Spiritual disciplines are also the guaranteed place of transformation.

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4. Spiritual Gifts: *Holy Spirit–given capacities through which believers continue the works of Jesus and make God’s love, truth, and power tangible in the world.*

## II. Spiritual Gifts

### **LOVE GIFTS** (Express the compassion and care of God)

**Mercy** — *The Holy Spirit-given ability to deeply empathize with hurting people and compassionately move toward them with joy and tenderness. (Romans 12:8)*

**Helps** — *The Holy Spirit-given ability to joyfully support and strengthen others through practical assistance that advances ministry and care. (1 Corinthians 12:28)*

- Phoebe – **Rom. 16:1-2**

**Service (Ministry)** — *The Holy Spirit-given motivation to meet practical needs faithfully and consistently behind the scenes. (Romans 12:7; 1 Peter 4:11)*

- Deacons – **Acts 6:1-7**

**Giving** — *The Holy Spirit-given ability and desire to generously share resources, finances, time, or possessions to strengthen God’s work and bless others. (Romans 12:8)*

- Barnabas – **Acts 4:36-37**

**Hospitality** — *The Holy Spirit-given ability to create safe, welcoming environments where people feel valued, loved, and connected. (1 Peter 4:9-10)*

**Shepherding (Pastoring)** — *The Holy Spirit-given ability to nurture, protect, guide, and spiritually care for people over time. (Ephesians 4:11)*

**Encouragement (Exhortation)** — *The Holy Spirit-given ability to encourage, strengthen, motivate, comfort, and challenge others toward spiritual growth and obedience. (Romans 12:8)*

- Barnabas – **Acts 9:26-27, 11:22-24**

### **WORD GIFTS** (Communicate God’s truth, wisdom, direction)

**Teaching** — *The Holy Spirit-given ability to clearly explain, clarify, and apply God’s truth in ways that produce understanding, transformation, and obedience. (Romans 12:7; Ephesians 4:11)*

**Evangelism** — *The Holy Spirit-given ability to clearly communicate the gospel in a way that draws people toward faith in Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 4:11)*

- Peter – **Acts 2:14-41**

**Prophecy** — *The Holy Spirit-given ability to communicate God’s heart, perspective, or direction to strengthen, encourage, or direct. (Romans 12:6; 1 Corinthians 12:10)*

- Agabus – **Acts 11:27-28**

**Apostleship** — *The Holy Spirit-given ability to pioneer, establish, build, and govern new works or movements that advance the Kingdom of God. (1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11)*

**Leadership** — *The Holy Spirit-given ability to influence, organize, and guide people toward a shared God-given vision or mission. (Romans 12:8)*

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**Knowledge** — *The Holy Spirit-given ability to understand, retain, and communicate truth, often with Spirit-given insight or understanding. (1 Corinthians 12:8)*

- Peter – **Acts 5:3-4**, Jesus – **Jn. 4:16-19**

**Wisdom** — *The Holy Spirit-given ability to apply spiritual truth and insight to complex situations with discernment and godly judgment. (1 Corinthians 12:8)*

- Solomon – **1 Kings 3:16-28**

## **POWER GIFTS (Demonstrate God’s supernatural power)**

**Faith** — *A supernatural confidence in God’s power, promises, and activity despite difficult circumstances. (1 Corinthians 12:9)*

- Elijah – **James 5:17-18**

**Healing** — *The ability through the Holy Spirit to become a vessel through which God brings physical, emotional, or spiritual restoration. (1 Corinthians 12:9)*

- Peter – **Acts 3:1-10**, Paul – **Acts 14:8-10**

**Miracles** — *The ability through the Holy Spirit to participate in supernatural acts that demonstrate God’s power beyond natural explanation. (1 Corinthians 12:10)*

- Moses – **Ex. 17:6-7**

**Discernment of Spirits** — *The Holy Spirit-given ability to recognize and distinguish between the influence of the Holy Spirit, the human spirit, and demonic spirits. (1 Corinthians 12:10)*

- Paul – **Acts 16:16-18**

**Tongues** — *The Spirit-enabled ability to speak in a language unknown to the speaker for prayer, worship, or ministry. (1 Corinthians 12:10)*

**Interpretation of Tongues** — *The Spirit-enabled ability to understand and communicate the meaning of a message given in tongues. (1 Corinthians 12:10)*

**Administration** — *The Holy Spirit-given ability to organize, structure, and manage people, systems, and resources effectively to accomplish ministry goals. (1 Corinthians 12:28)*

- Joseph – **Gen. 41:39-49**

### III. The Instruction

*7 The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. 8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. (1 Pet. 4:7-8)*

A. Jesus’ return is closer than we think. **(v. 7)**

1. So wake up.

a. Be watchful.

2. These greater works are required to be bathed in earnest love for one another. **(v. 8)**

a. Gifts tempered by love.

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b. Gifts balanced by hospitality (v. 9)

*9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. (1 Pet. 4:9)*

B. Each One...

*10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: (1 Pet. 4:10)*

1. Each one has received at least 1 spiritual gift at the time of their baptism into the body of Christ.
  - a. We were born again with spiritual gifts.
2. If you've had a certain talent/gift all your life, that may be your talent or gift. But it is NOT your spiritual gift.
  - a. Spiritual gifts were distributed by the Holy Spirit at the time that you were born again (whether you recognize what that gift is or not).
3. Spiritual gifts are Holy Spirit-given abilities (in addition to your natural gifts/talents, personalities).

\*Each one has received at least 1.

4. No one person has all the giftings wrapped up in 1 human body.
  - a. No one is entitled to any particular gift.
  - b. These gifts are literally that: Gifts.
  - c. Out of the manifold grace of God, the Holy Spirit stooped and gave gifts to men.
5. These gifts have nothing to do with how spiritual you are.
6. These gifts have nothing to do with your position/assignment.

C. We've all received at least one. Now let's figure out how to use it.

*10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: (1 Pet. 4:10)*

1. The gift is a mechanism to serve others, bless others.
2. The church has either ignored the existence of the gifts (Cessationists), or the church has abused them (Pentecostals).
3. But we've each received one! Use it!