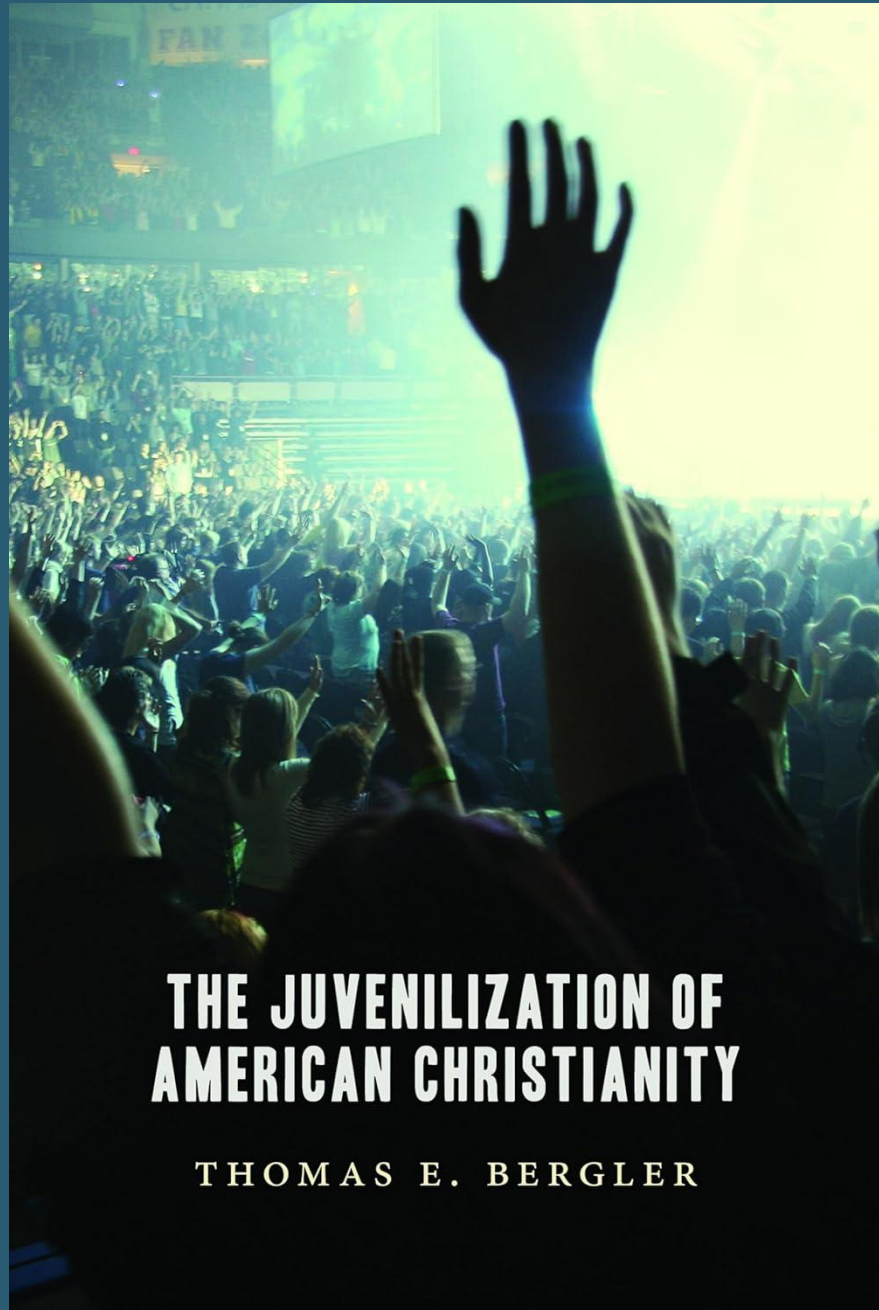


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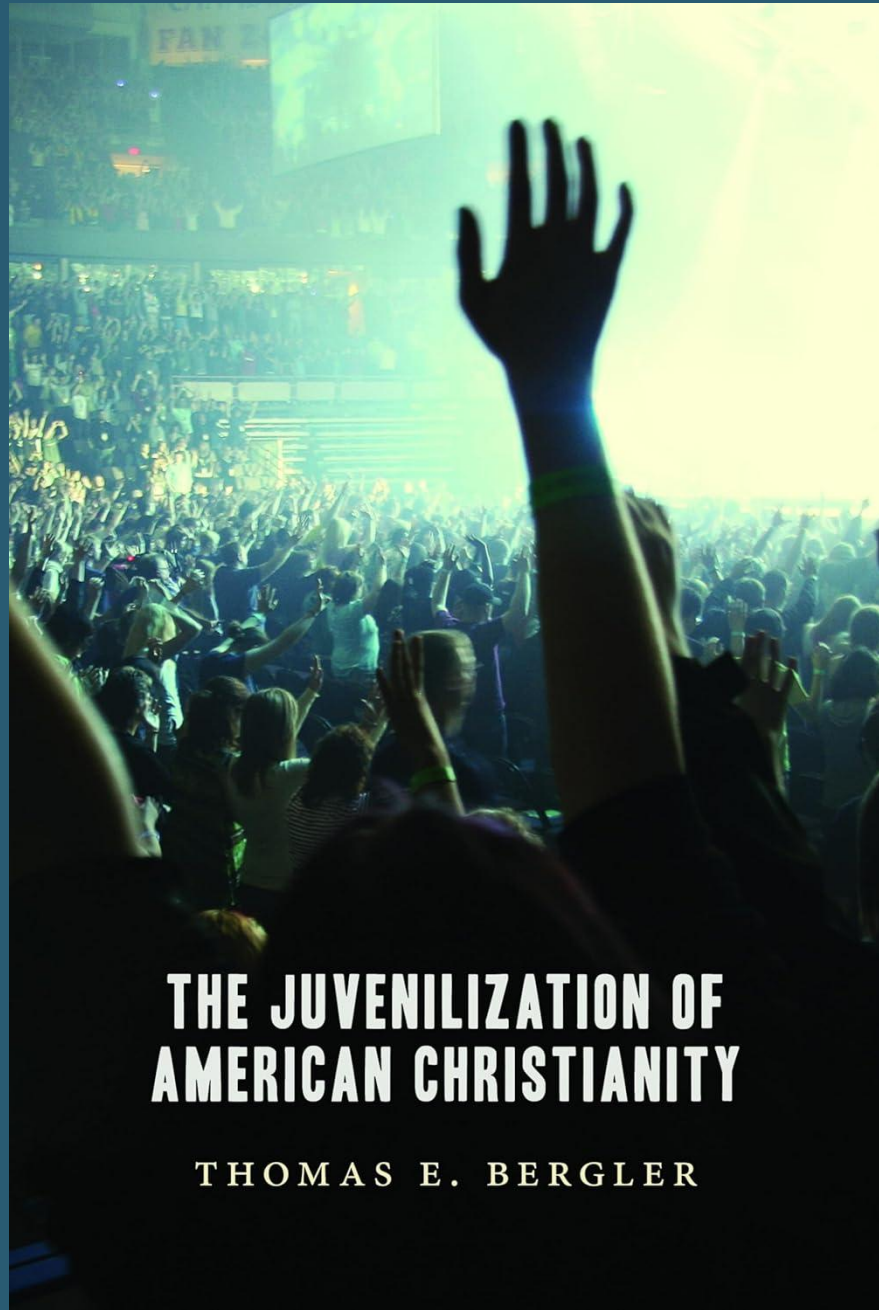
LOVE ONE ANOTHER

The Keys to Biblical Community

Week 2: Service & Hospitality (1 Peter 4:7-11)



Beginning in the 1930s and 1940s, Christian teenagers and youth leaders staged a quiet revolution in American church life which can properly be called the *juvenilization* of American Christianity. Juvenilization is the process by which the religious beliefs, practices, and developmental characteristics of adolescents became accepted as appropriate for Christians of all ages....Like other revolutions, juvenilization swept away both good and bad elements in church life...



By personalizing Christianity and creatively blending it with elements of popular culture ranging from rock music to political protests, youth ministries helped ensure the ongoing vitality of Christianity in America. But these same ministries also sometimes pandered to the consumerism, self-centeredness, and even outright immaturity of American believers. For good or ill, American Christianity would never be the same.

1 Peter 4:7-11

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:

1 Peter 4:7-11

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.

Outline

□ *In his grace, God gives us spiritual gifts so that we can serve one another for his glory.*

Three questions about spiritual gifts:

1. What are spiritual gifts?
2. How, when, and where do we use our gifts?
3. Why should we use our gifts to serve?



1. What are spiritual gifts?

Definitions □ 1 Peter 4:10-11

SHOWING THE SPIRIT



A Theological Exposition of
1 Corinthians 12-14

D. A. CARSON

It is very clear that the term [*charisma*, gift] is not a technical one for Paul that refers only to a select set of supra-normal gifts like healing and tongues. Not only can it embrace gifts like encouraging and generous giving, but it can be used repeatedly for the gift of salvation itself - not to mention the gift of celibacy and the gift of marriage. In that sense, therefore, every Christian is a charismatic.

1. What are spiritual gifts?

Definition:

- A spiritual gift is a God-given capacity to serve, encourage, or strengthen the faith of others.

Two Broad Categories of Gifts

SPEAKING

Teaching
Prophecy
Exhortation
Prayer
Leading
Shepherding
Evangelism
Languages

SERVING

Helping
Hospitality
Hosting
Visitation
Giving
Mercy
Justice
Healing

1. What are spiritual gifts?

Application:

- Take the S.H.A.P.E. assessment to learn your spiritual gifts

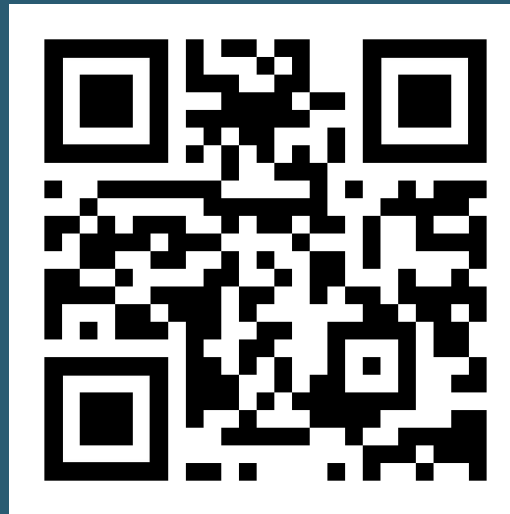
Spiritual gifts

Hearth

Abilities

Personality


Experiences



1. What are spiritual gifts?

Application:

- To discover your gift, start looking for needs you can meet – and meet them!



2. How, when, and where should we use our gifts?

Application □ 1 Peter 4:7-11

2. How, when, and where should we use our gifts?

Commands

- Be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers (v. 7)
- Love one another earnestly (v. 8)
- Show hospitality without grumbling (v. 9)
- Use gifts to serve one another as stewards of grace (v. 10)
- Speak the words of God (v. 11)
- Serve in the strength God supplies (v. 11)

2. How, when, and where should we use our gifts?

Contexts

- Formal and Informal
- On Campus and in the Community
- Sundays and Mid-week
- As Scheduled and as Needed
- “Trellis and Vine”

The Trellis and the Vine

THE MINISTRY MIND-SHIFT THAT
CHANGES EVERYTHING



**COLIN MARSHALL
AND TONY PAYNE**

NOW WITH DISCUSSION GUIDE

2. How, when, and where should we use our gifts?

VINE

Children's Ministry

Love the kids and
show them the kindness of Jesus

TRELLIS

Children's Ministry

Show up on time and follow
established procedures

2. How, when, and where should we use our gifts?

VINE

Teaching

Teach & lead discussion with confidence in God's word & sensitivity to people's needs & the Spirit's leading

TRELLIS

Teaching

Prepare your lesson well
Know your content
Communicate clearly

2. How, when, and where should we use our gifts?

VINE

Worship Team

Sing with real affection
and adoration for Jesus

TRELLIS

Worship Team

Know the music
and rehearse with excellence

2. How, when, and where should we use our gifts?

VINE

Small Group Leader

Love & pray for the members
of your group

TRELLIS

Small Group Leader

Plan well, keep a schedule,
communicate regularly

2. How, when, and where should we use our gifts?

VINE

Ministry Team

Serve cheerfully
with a heart to love others
and meet practical needs

TRELLIS

Ministry Team

Read emails from team leader;
use Planning Center;
communicate promptly

2. How, when, and where should we use our gifts?

VINE

Relationships

Take initiative to meet others

Form new relationships

Deepen friendships

TRELLIS

Relationships

Formalize into a prayer group
or small group that can be equipped
by the church's leadership

2. How, when, and where should we use our gifts?

VINE


Mindset

Develop and nurture a passion
for what God is doing
at Redeemer and your role in it

TRELLIS

Mindset

Consider the current needs
of the church, support and
strengthen its structures



2. How, when, and where should we use our gifts?

Application □ 1 Peter 4:7-11

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3. Why should we use our gifts to serve?

Motivation □ 1 Peter 4:7-11

3. Why should we use our spiritual gifts to serve?

Three "G"s:

- Grace (v. 10)

SUSANNAH SPURGEON



3. Why should we use our spiritual gifts to serve?

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- Grace (v. 10)
- The Glory of God (v. 11)

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True service finds it almost impossible to distinguish the small from the large service...

True service rests contented in hiddenness. It does not fear the lights and glare of attention, but it does not seek them either...

True service is free of the need to calculate results. It delights only in the service. It can serve enemies as freely as friends...

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True service builds community. It quietly and unpretentiously goes about caring for the needs of others. It draws, binds, heals, builds.

3. Why should we use our spiritual gifts to serve?

Three "G"s:

- Grace (v. 10)
- The Glory of God (v. 11)
- The Gospel □ Consider Jesus, the greatest Servant (John 13; Philip. 2)

Philippians 2:3-13

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

Philippians 2:3-13

⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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