

Final Coat

"What Color Is Your Paint?", Part 3
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"As each one has received a special gift, **employ it** in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God; whoever serves, let him do so as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."
(1 Peter 4:10-11, NASB)

Three Reasons Why We Should Faithfully And Fully Use Our Gifts

I) WE HONOR GOD WHEN WE USE HIS GIFTS

"[Use your gifts]... so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." (v. 11b)

1) He receives additional GLORY as we serve.

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."
(1 Corinthians 10:31, NIV)

2) He reveals personal APPRECIATION for our service.

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!'" (Matt. 25:21a, NIV)

II) WE HELP PEOPLE WHEN WE USE HIS GIFTS

"As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another."
(v.10a)

1) We help individuals EXPERIENCE TRUE LOVE.

"...Do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"
(Galatians 5:13b-14, NIV)

2) We help the church GROW STRONG IN UNITY.

"A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church."
(1 Corinthians 12:7, NLT)

3) We help the world SEE WHO JESUS REALLY IS.

"I [Jesus] in them and you [Father] in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."
(John 17:23, NIV)

III) WE HEAP REWARDS WHEN WE USE HIS GIFTS

"...Serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." (v.10b)

"...passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings." (LB)

1) We receive TEMPORAL REWARDS in this life.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."
(Galatians 6:9, NIV)

2) We receive ETERNAL REWARDS in heaven.

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"
(Matthew 25:21, NIV)

***Will you try painting just once or
will you keep painting until the work is done?**