

# Getting Serious With the Manifold Grace of God

1 Peter 4:10-11

There are three salient and poignant teaching points I would kindly ask you to make note of that are germane to this message tonight:

1. God wants you to increase the importance of your identity & destiny at POW.
  - Because He has bestowed a particular gifting and spiritual talent, a divine endowment if you please
  - God needs you to step up into a greater role at POW
  - He needs you to place a higher value on your gifting. You start by creating more focus with your time management, your choice of friends and how you spend your money.
  - The Kingdom Business is very serious and we must place a much higher self-esteem on the individual spiritual gifting God has given us.
2. God wants you to increase the importance of soul-winning and discipleship
  - vs. 10 – employ this gift for one another
  - God wants to use you now for teaching a home bible study or discipling someone.
  - The devil does not mind you coming to church. He just does not want you operating with passion and urgency. He does not want you treating your gift and souls with increased importance.
  - His job is to make you lazy, indifferent, unconcerned, selfish and burnt out with kingdom business.
  - The devil is always telling us what we do is NOT important. That is what he told Eve – “God hath NOT said!”
  - This is why God is saying these two things to you tonight
    - Start taking your gifting more serious
    - Start taking soul winning and mentoring more serious like there is no tomorrow – vs 11.
3. You can only fulfill your giftings by the manifold grace of God.
  - We need to talk about grace because some of us keep trying to serve God from our skill sets, our intellect, or our human strength.
  - This leads to burn out, depression, and apathy.
  - When I try to use my gifting to win and mentor people without proper understanding of the manifold grace of God I will wrestle with the fear of failure and the fear of being hurt because God leads us all into assignments bigger than our skill set or our abilities to maintain.
  - Now you treat the work of God like a routine and mundane weekly activity.
  - Now we have to seek private ways to satisfy ourselves because grace produces joy, peace, and strength. Without the manifold grace of God, I begin to overeat, watch more sports, spend more time on the internet or with ungodly people. I begin to become a social butterfly and start

treating important relationships as common. I lose the importance of my identity and destiny.  
We need to unpack the manifold grace of God.

This word manifold means multiplicity of colors. It means the many diverse operations of God's grace all operating to win the lost.

I want you to write down five diversities of the manifold grace of God. This is important to your increasing your self-esteem for your gifting's, soul winning, and mentoring others.

1. Grace itself – Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 6:14, Romans 11:6, James 4:6
  - This first stage reminds me I must always pray and conduct church business with faith in God's grace.
  - This means do not analyze, philosophy, and intellectualize all of your relationship struggles. The power of grace is the deciding factor if you choose to operate your giftings with grace. Vs 10 of our opening verse says there is no strength to render service without grace. Could this be why some of us are not soul winners? Could this be why some of us cannot seem to get our giftings connected in this church because you battle unworthiness or selfishness to stretch yourself to be used?  
2 Timothy 2:1
2. Multiplied Grace – 2 Peter 1:2-10
  - Multiplied grace is like  $5 \times 5 = 25$
  - Where God multiplies your influence with others. Not because of your skills and worthiness but because of grace.
  - The church can only operate out of faith by grace.
3. Great Grace – Acts 4:33
  - This is exponential grace  $5 \times 100$
  - Where multiplied grace affects you and your family, exponential grace influences your church and community through you.
  - When I learn to flow in grace and make decisions on multiplied grace, I will overcome hard obstacles against me because grace relaxes me when I am under attack.
  - This peace which is the evidence I am walking in grace gives me the focus and confidence to win and mentor others.
  - The bible says it is NOT to him that willeth but to grace God bestows on us. Read Romans 9:16, 18-22 AMP
4. All Grace – Gal 1:15; Eph 3:2-8
  - From your mother's womb, God works all grace towards you.
  - This attitude causes me to share my past failures and difficult experiences with others to win and disciple them
  - Some of us refuse to do this and you are going to find yourself idle getting your flesh in trouble
    1. David did with Bathsheba
    2. Saul did keeping Ahab alive
    3. The young prophet did sitting on the side of the road

4. You start overworking on the job
  5. You hide your time into your children
  6. You disconnect from spiritual things during the week all because you refuse to let the Holy Ghost connect your past to all grace. Whereby you use it to render service to be a soul winner and a mentor.
  7. Did you know when you do not pay your tithes and keep your vows to offering God holds back grace?
5. Dispensers of Grace 1 Pet 5:10
- This means other people are experiencing and receiving God's manifold grace through your soul winning and mentoring.
  - You are dispersing grace through your testimony, your teaching, your praying and your home bible study

Ways to show God more high value for the Kingdom: Excellent Spirit

1. Take more urgency with working the altars for visitors and saints
2. Come to church dressing your best
3. Come to church on time for prayer
4. Give 100% to your ministry/find ways to improve and make it better
5. Give 110% to praise and worship in song service
6. Go and teach a home bible study
7. Be more diligent when discipling the people you are working with
8. Increase your passion for holiness living

This is how:

1. We increase the importance of our gifting
2. Increase our seriousness in soul winning and mentoring
3. By releasing faith in God's grace through prayer, worship and fasting
  - This puts an importance on the unity of reaching souls together
  - We cannot let people slip away because we do not take soul winning serious or refuse to flow in grace
  - We cannot have grace without the manifold grace of God

The hour is very late. People without grace are being eaten alive by the devil.

1. The Cleveland Facebook shooter
2. Struggling saints and relatives
  - If we do not mature and grow in the manifold grace of God, we lose the visitors, the new converts and the offended saints.
  - The manifold grace of God will get us serious for unity to go after souls, work together to mentor the hungry and take the church work more serious than we do.

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