

# Grace Guide



**NOVEMBER 10-16**

## **“Many Gifts, One Spirit”**

**MONDAY**  
**11/10**

**EXODUS 31:1-6**

God chose Bezalel and filled him with the Spirit to craft the tabernacle with beauty and excellence. This passage reminds us that the Spirit’s gifts are not limited to preaching or prophecy, they are not solely in the realm of the spiritual, but they also include creativity, craftsmanship, and practical skill. Whatever our ability, it is entrusted to us by God for the building of his kingdom. When we use our gifts and our skills faithfully, we reflect the glory of the Creator who gives both the gift and the calling.

1. What does this passage about Bezalel say to you about what it means to be filled with the Spirit?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What creative and practical gifts and talents has God entrusted to you that could serve to build the Kingdom of God?

**TUESDAY**  
11/11

## **MATTHEW 25:14-30**

In the parable of the talents\* Jesus teaches that God entrusts each of us with different resources and opportunities. The master commends not the servant with the most talent, but the one who is faithful with what he has been given. Stewardship is not about how much we have, but how we use what has been placed in our care. Faithful stewardship honors God, while fear and inaction waste what could have been fruitful for his kingdom.

\*[NOTE: a talent was a giant gold coin, worth about 20 years' work for an average person, also our use of the word talent to mean a skill or a gift comes from an interpretation of this parable from the 13<sup>th</sup> century.]

1. What does this story from Jesus say to you about God's expectations for us to use what has been entrusted to us?
2. What does it look like to "bury" your talent? Have you ever been tempted to do so? Why or why not?

**WEDNESDAY**  
11/12

## **ACTS 4:31-35**

The early church (this was still in the first months after Jesus' death and resurrection) was marked by Spirit-filled unity and generosity. When the believers were filled with the Holy Spirit, they were not only empowered to speak boldly but also to give selflessly. Their spiritual and material gifts worked together for the good of all. True stewardship flows from a heart transformed by the Spirit, a heart that sees everything as belonging to God and joyfully uses it to meet the needs of others.

1. How is being filled with the Holy Spirit connected with generosity and community?
2. How does our church embrace this kind of "open-handed" stewardship? What else could we be doing?

**THURSDAY**  
11/13

## **1 PETER 4:7-11**

Peter reminds believers that every gift we have, whether speaking, or serving, or encouraging, every gift is a trust from God meant for the good of others. Stewardship of spiritual gifts means using them in a way that reflects God's grace and brings him glory. When we act in love and humility, depending on the strength that God supplies, the Spirit unites our diverse gifts into one shared purpose: to make Christ known.

1. What does the idea that all you have and all you are able to do is a gift from God that you are to manage/steward mean to you?
2. How do you serve others with the gifts, abilities, passions and skills that God has given you?

**FRIDAY**  
11/14

## **PSALM 18:1-5, 30-36**

Focusing only on a few portions of this long Psalm. David celebrates God as the source of his strength and ability. His courage, skill, and endurance come not from himself but from the God who equips and sustains him. In the same way, every gift and ability we have is empowered by the Spirit for God's purposes. Stewardship begins with recognizing that our strength and success are never self-made, they are entrusted to us by the One who trains and sustains us.

1. What are some of the ways God has used your gifts and skills and abilities to achieve his purposes?
2. How hard or easy is it for you to give God the credit for the achievements in your life? Why?

**SATURDAY/  
SUNDAY**

**11/15-16 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11, 27-30**

Paul teaches that the Spirit gives a variety of gifts, but all are for the common good. The body of Christ depends on every member using what has been entrusted to them for the benefit of others. No gift is greater or lesser, each has a purpose within the Spirit's design for unity and growth. Stewardship of our spiritual gifts and skills and creativity means recognizing that we belong to one another and that the Holy Spirit works through us together to reveal Christ to the world.

1. How has God gifted you? How are your gifts just as important as everyone else's spiritual gifts?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How do you allow the Holy Spirit to work through you to build up others in unity and love within the Church?

## **VERSE OF THE WEEK**

**“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.”**

**(1 Corinthians 12:4-6)**