

*“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us . . .”*

John 1:14

*All are welcome at the manger.*

**SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**

## ***Looking Ahead –***

Dec. 8 - Class

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# ***“Our Response to the Book of Revelation”***

## ***Part 6***

***Rev.22:12***

Dec. 1, 2019

# Quiz

## 1. Put the following in chronological order:

Trumpet Judgments

2 witnesses

Signing of treaty with Israel

False Prophet comes on scene

Bowl Judgments

Rapture of Church

Sealing of 144,000

2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ

Abomination of Desolation

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## **Rev 22:12**

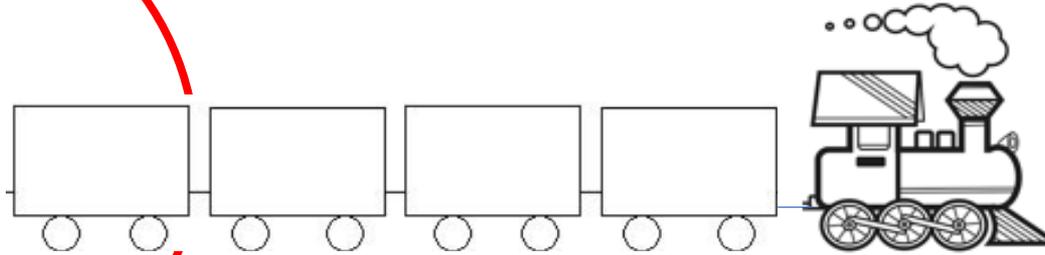
12 "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.

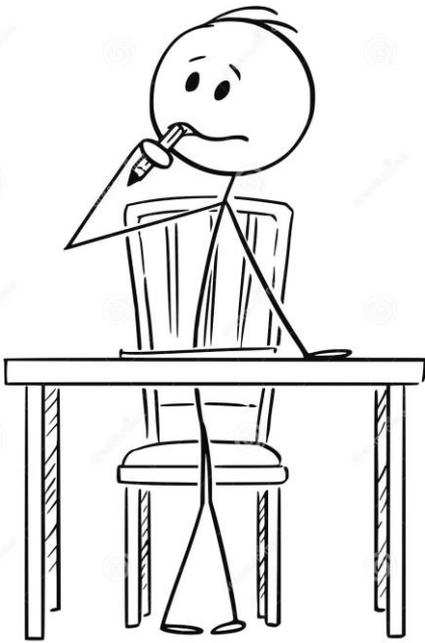
## **2 Cor 5:10**

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

**World**

**Church**





**1. Time 2. Spiritual Gifts**

# **1 Cor 12:4-6**

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.

6 There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.

# Spiritual Gifts

1. A spiritual gift is a supernatural ability, sovereignly given to each believer as the result of grace, for the edifying of other believers in the body of Christ.
2. A spiritual gift is a spiritual capacity for development.
3. You have at least 1 gift.
4. No believer has all of the gifts.
5. Your spiritual gift is unique to you.
6. Your gift(s) combine with:
  - Other spiritual gifts.
  - Your talents.
  - Your personality.
  - Your physical characteristics.
  - Your background.
  - Your experience.
  - Your education.
  - Your maturity.

# List of Spiritual Gifts:

## **Speaking Gifts**

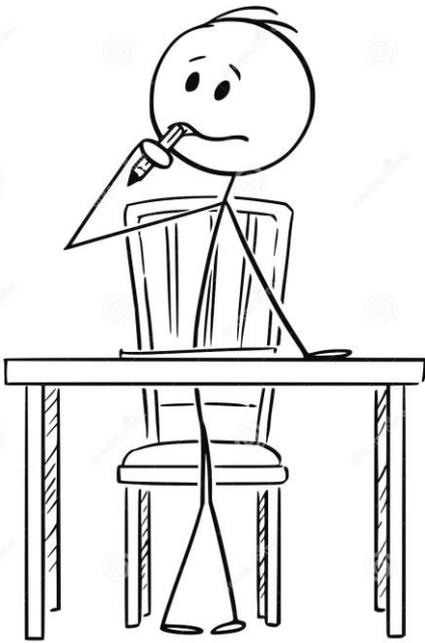
1. Prophecy (Preaching).
2. Teaching.
3. Exhortation.
4. Word of Knowledge.
5. Word of Wisdom.

## **Serving Gifts**

1. Serving.
2. Helps.
3. Administration.
4. Faith.
5. Mercy.
6. Giving.
7. Discernment.

## **Sign Gifts**

1. Healing.
2. Miracles.
3. Tongues.
4. Interpretation of Tongues.



**1. Time 2. Spiritual Gifts 3. Talents**

# Talents

- Talents are natural abilities given at physical birth while spiritual gifts are given at spiritual birth.
- Both unbelievers and believers have talents.
- They are things like: singing, playing a musical instrument, athleticism, creativity, public speaking, writing, craftsmanship, problem solving, organizing, managing, salesmanship, logical thinking, visual design, drawing, coordinating, analyzing, mechanical, carpentry, cooking, baking, quick thinking, artistry, woodworking, etc.
- They are, like spiritual gifts, a capacity for development.

# How do I glorify God and receive reward for using my talents?

- 1. What are your talents?***
- 2. Look at ways they compliment your spiritual gifts.***

## **Acts 18:24-28**

24 Now a Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures.

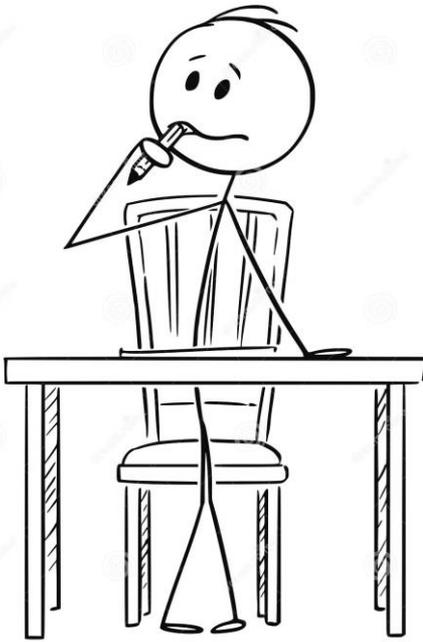
25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John;

26 and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

27 And when he wanted to go across to Achaia, the brethren encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him; and when he had arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace,

28 for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

- 3. Take advantage of the opportunities that the Holy Spirit gives you to use your talents.***



- 1. Time**
- 2. Spiritual Gifts**
- 3. Talents**
- 4. Spiritual Resources**

# Spiritual Resources

**The believer has 2 spiritual resources:**

- Spirit of God.
- Word of God.

## **Spirit of God**

- The Holy Spirit is given to the believer to do 3 things:
  1. Provide power for the believer to live a godly life. (Acts 1:8)
  2. Convict the believer of sin. (Jn. 16:8)
  3. Teach the believer when he/she hears and studies the Word. (Jn. 14:26)
- **Therefore I must:**
  - Yield to the Spirit's control. (Eph. 5:18)
  - Not grieve the Spirit. (Eph. 4:30)
  - Not quench the Spirit. (1 Thes. 5:19)
  - Expose myself to the Word. (Ps. 1:2)
  - Walk in the Spirit. (Gal. 5:16)

# Word of God

## ***3 things will bring you to maturity in Christ:***

1. The Word of God.
  2. Trials.
  3. Suffering.
- Of the 3, the Word of God by far carries the most weight.
  - The more you study and apply the Word of God to your life, the faster you will mature.
  - Mature believers are those whose lives are most fully lived for the glory of God and earn the greatest reward.



# *Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship*

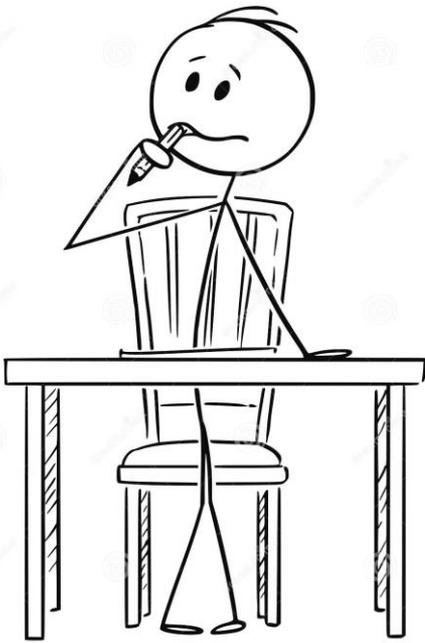
*Every word inspired.*

*Every word proclaimed.*

***“We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ.” Col 1:28***

# How do I glorify God and receive reward for using my spiritual resources?

- 1. Allow the Spirit of God to control you through the Word in every area of your life. (Eph. 5:18; Col. 3:16)***
- 2. Spend time reading, studying, memorizing, the Word.***
- 3. Take advantage of the opportunities that the Holy Spirit gives you to be taught the Word.***



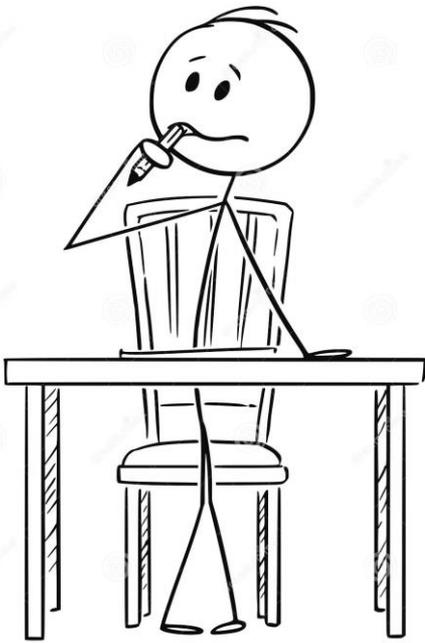
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# Financial Resources

- It's not how much you have but what you do with what you have.
- And what I have, has been given as a stewardship to me.
- God expects us to wisely give of our financial resources to advance the Kingdom of God.

**How do I glorify God and receive reward for using my financial resources?**

- 1. By viewing giving as an investment.***
- 2. By making wise choices by where I give.***
- 3. By growing and stretching myself in the area of giving.***
- 4. Take advantage of the opportunities that the Holy Spirit gives you to give of your financial resources.***



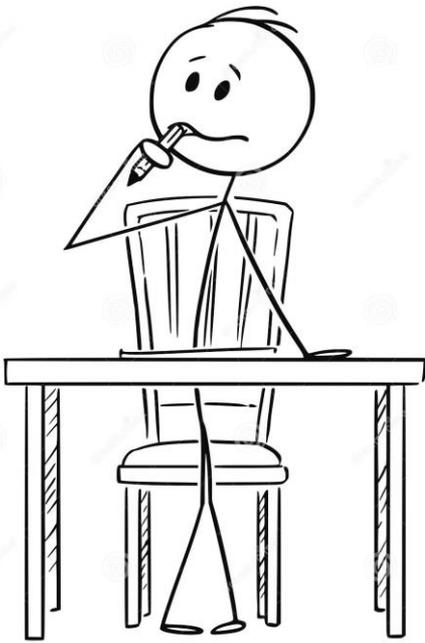
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# Material Resources

- We all have material resources that can be used for the glory of God – house, car, lawnmower, snow blower, tools, food, appliances, furniture, etc.

**How do I glorify God and receive reward for using my material resources?**

- 1. Take inventory of what you have.***
- 2. Ask God how these can be used for His glory.***
- 3. Take advantage of the opportunities that the Holy Spirit gives you to use your material resources.***



- 1. Time   2. Spiritual Gifts   3. Talents   4. Spiritual Resources   5. Financial Resources   6. Material Resources   7. Relationships**

# Relationships

- God has designed us to be involved in many and varied relationships – God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, parents, grandparents, siblings, spouse, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, employer, fellow employees, employees, neighbors, other believers, preachers, teachers, pastor, classmates, roommates, teammates, acquaintances.
- All require a certain amount of our time.
- God's Word gives us direction as to how we biblically are to relate to these relationships – Proverbs, Eph. 5,6; Col. 3,4; Eccl.
- God will reward us for being good stewards of our relationships.

# How do I glorify God and receive reward for my relationships?

- 1. Identify which relationships take priority.*
- 2. Walk in the Spirit and obey the Word as you relate to each of these relationships.*
- 3. Take advantage of the opportunities that the Holy Spirit gives you to cultivate and enjoy your relationship with God.*
- 4. Take advantage of the opportunities that the Holy Spirit gives you to biblically impact your earthly relationships.*

How much effort do I put into working for rewards?

## **Phil 3:12-14**

12 Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I **press** (**διωκω** – **to keep the pressure on**) on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and **reaching** (**επεκτεινομαι** - **stretch**) forward to what lies ahead,

14 I **press** (**διωκω**) on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

## **1 Tim 4:7-10**

7 But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline (**γυμναζω** – to train naked) yourself for the purpose of godliness;

8 for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

9 It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance.

10 For it is for this we **labor** (**κοπιαω** – **work to the point of exhaustion**) and **strive** (**αγωνιζομαι** – to agonize, to struggle, to fight, to strain) because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers.

## **1 Cor 9:26-27**

26 Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air;

27 but I **discipline** (**υπωπιαζω** – to hit under the eye) my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

# Summary on the Doctrine of Rewards

1. The book of Revelation should have a huge impact on how we invest our lives. It should change us.
2. Because our time is limited, we must make choices as to how we will fill it. Some things are good, some things are better, and some things are best.
3. Each individual believer is a unique package with the way God has designed him/her and with the resources He has given uniquely to them.
4. Therefore fill your time with the responsibilities God has given to you in a way that will most glorify Him.
5. Strive, stretch, claw, fight, agonize to win, to be the best you can be, to receive maximum reward for God's glory, that Christ may say to you, "Well done my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over little, I will put you in charge over much." (Matt. 25:23)

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Next week we will look at the final invitation in the book of Revelation to “Come.”