

Reflecting God's Glory

1 Peter 4:7-11

Direct and Indirect

How do people experience ___ and God's _____?

Setting the context

Last Sunday: "Parable of the Shrewd Manager" Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said: _____ and _____ use the small, decaying, temporary wealth of this world to gain abundant, true, permanent wealth in God's Kingdom

_____ was almost certainly there to hear Jesus teach this

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7a: The end of all things has _____

Kingdom of God: "_____ and Not _____"

Any time, Jesus may return to establish His _____
_____ things will be transformed

7b: With heads & hearts, see clearly for _____

Perhaps similar to shrewdness: understand the situation and act _____ and _____

Prayer in _____ hearts and minds

8-11a: Love → hospitality → _____ God's grace

Love isn't stopped by a _____ of sins

Proverbs 10:12; 17:9; Matthew 18:21-22

"_____": meeting the needs of people

Peter focused on _____ for _____

God's varied grace: _____ and _____

Source and power: God's _____ & the _____

In _____ Christian, for the good of others

One big idea expressed in multiple steps

11b: For Christ's glory, that is His already

When God's people experience His grace through His people,
Christ is praised

The Big Idea:

**Christ is _____
and His people experience His _____
when _____ one of God's people
use what _____ has given them
for the _____ of other Christians**

How do people today see and experience God?

_____ : Holy Spirit

_____ : God's grace through people

Romans 10:14-15

God's _____ plan for people to see and experience God
is when God's people _____ and _____ God's grace to others

Application:

See clearly: the end of all things _____

The values of this _____ are generally not the values of the
_____ of God

It takes training of _____ and _____ to see and to value Kingdom
values more

God uses _____ as a key means of giving His grace to others

"Shrewdness": _____ and _____ spending small, decaying,
temporary wealth to gain abundant, true, and permanent wealth

Pray accordingly

Focus your prayers on the use of _____ experiences
for the _____ of the Kingdom of God

So that people will _____ God in Christ more and more richly

It is ___ to ask for things that make life easier and less burdensome

It is _____ that we desire even more the wealth of heaven

Pray _____ people _____ them

Be good _____ of what God has given you

_____ what you have

_____ them: study, experiment, practice, be mentored, ...

_____ them in love for God's people and the glory of Christ

The Church

Not...

Rather...

Reflection Questions

- How have you experienced God's grace through God's people?
- What gifts / abilities / interests / passions has God given you that are or can be for the good of other Christians?
- When we speak, what does it mean to speak the very words of God?
- When we serve, what does it mean to serve in the strength God provides? What is the alternative that we should avoid?