

GOD'S BLUEPRINT FOR THE CHURCH

11-5-25 | Lesson 5 | The Doors – Ministry | 1 Peter 4:10-11; Galatians 6:10

I. Why Doors?

- Doors are designed for entry and exit.
- The church is not a place to sit and stay, but a place to equip and send.
- We don't just gather to grow — we go to give.
- Key Truth: Ministry starts when we walk out the doors.

II. Every Believer Has a Gift to Serve

1 Peter 4:10 - "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others..."

- Each = there are no exception believers.
- Gifts are not for keeping, they are for serving.
- Gifts are assigned by grace and used for good.
- God didn't save us to sit — He saved us to serve.

III. Ministry Is Stewardship

1 Peter 4:10 - "...as faithful stewards of God's grace..."

- A steward manages something that belongs to someone else.
- Your gift belongs to God — but He placed it in your hands.
- Stewardship = accountability.
- "How are you managing what God put in your hands?"

IV. Ministry Requires God's Strength

1 Peter 4:11 - "...if anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides..."

- Ministry is powered by God, not personality, talent, or title.
- Serving in our own strength drains us; serving in His strength sustains us.
- Serving without God leads to burnout; serving with God leads to breakthrough.

V. Ministry Must Glorify Christ

1 Peter 4:11 - "...so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."

- The purpose of ministry is not recognition...
- It's revelation — revealing Christ through our actions.
- If we are seen, Christ isn't. If Christ is seen, ministry succeeds.

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VI. Ministry Serves “Everybody” — Especially Those in the Faith

Galatians 6:10 - “As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people...”

- Ministry looks for opportunities, not excuses.
- Ministry serves the lost world and the church body.
- We serve all people, but especially the family of believers.
- Ministry that does not leave the building is not ministry.

VII. Ministry Happens When We Walk Through the Door

- The doors of the church are symbolic:
- We enter to be equipped.
- We exit to evangelize and serve.
- Key Thought: We gather to grow; we scatter to serve.