

AMAZING GRACE
MESSAGE 3: STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE
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• **FOUNDATION:**

- “TRUTH WHICH CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED AND EXPERIENCED IS NO MORE VALUE THAN ERROR.” — Dr. Dennis Burke
- (1Peter 4:10) [*New English Translation*] Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of the varied grace of God.
- (1Peter 4:11) Whoever speaks, let it be with God's words. Whoever serves, do so with the strength that God supplies, so that in everything God will be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.
 - *NEB* = “dispensing the Grace of God”
- A steward administers or exercises responsible care over possessions entrusted to him.

I. **As a Believer, we have been Entrusted with God's Grace**

- a. 2 Peter 1:3 – God has deposited in our Hearts (Spirit & Soul) all things which pertain to life and Godliness.
- b. We are to faithfully distribute to others the Gifts God has given us.
- c. Grace (*Thayer's Greek to English Lexicon*) = God's merciful kindness, exerting His Holy influence upon us to turn us, keep us strengthen us and increase us in His ability to do His Will.
- d. (Acts 6:8) [*New Living Translation*] Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed amazing miracles and signs among the people.
 - i. Grace empowered Stephen to move with God and bring signs & wonders from God's ANOINTING.
- e. 1 Peter 4:10 – King James Version
- f. (1Peter 4:10) [*Amplified Classic Version*] As each of you has received a gift (a particular spiritual talent, a gracious divine endowment), employ it for one another as [befits] good trustees of God's many-sided grace [faithful stewards of the extremely diverse powers and gifts granted to Christians by unmerited favor].

II. **The Gift of Grace to Every Born-again Believer**

- a. Thayer: the Word is Gift is also translated: GRACE (gifts of Grace)
- b. 1 Corinthians 12 list 9 Gifts of the Holy Spirit (gifts of Grace)
 - i. For Ministry purposes.
- c. Romans 12:6
- d. Ephesians 4:7 (*Phillips Edition*) “naturally there are different gifts and functions; individually grace is given to us in different ways out of the rich diversity of Christ's giving”.
 - i. Verse 11: “And He Himself gave some to be Apostles, some Prophets, some evangelists, some Pastors, Teachers” (*NKJV*).
- e. (1Corinthians 12:28) [*Modern Kings James*] And God set some in the church, firstly, apostles; secondly, prophets; thirdly, teachers, then works of power, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, kinds of languages.
 - i. Gifts of Grace for Correction, Direction, Protection & Perfection.

III. **The Believer is in a Class Designed by God for that Believer**

- a. 1 Corinthians 10:12
- b. 1 Corinthians 1:26-29
- c. Proverbs 22:6 = we are God's Children
 - i. We are being trained through Preaching, Personal Study & Meditation in God's Covenant Words
 - ii. Acts 2:42
 - 1. Fellowship is involvement: partnership & participation.
- d. Ephesians 4:29
 - i. Your words will carry the Grace deposited in you and plant it in the heart of the one with whom you come in fellowship.
 - ii. Let God's Grace be established in your heart, and you will be free to flourish.