

# “Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

## First Peter Bible Study — I Peter 4:9- 14 Lesson #16

**\*\*INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the entire section of Scripture in First Peter before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word.

9-11 **Be HOSPITABLE to ONE ANOTHER** without grumbling. **As each one has RECEIVED a GIFT, MINISTER it to ONE ANOTHER**, as **good STEWARDS** of the manifold grace of God. If anyone **speaks**, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone **ministers**, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, **that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ**, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

• **Ephesians 6:7** “With good will doing \_\_\_\_\_, as to the \_\_\_\_\_, and not to \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Colossians 3:17** “And \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ in word or \_\_\_\_\_, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

• **I Timothy 3:2** “A \_\_\_\_\_ then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, \_\_\_\_\_, able to teach.....”

• **Titus 1:7-8** “For a \_\_\_\_\_ must be blameless, as a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but \_\_\_\_\_, a lover of what is \_\_\_\_\_, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled....”

**Definition: “Be HOSPITABLE to ONE ANOTHER”** – Being hospitable, or showing hospitality means being welcoming to others. It does not just mean welcoming someone into your home, but also **welcoming new arrivals or guests in the church assembly. It means REACHING OUT to a new person and making them FEEL WELCOME and COMFORTABLE.** It means **SHOWING the LOVE of CHRIST in a tangible way.** In Hebrews 13:2-3, it is also mentioned along with visiting prisoners and those who are mistreated in any way. I believe BEING HOSPITABLE can apply to many situations, not just entertaining people in your home. When it says “entertain strangers”, I believe it was meant more for that time, when Christians would come visiting from other parts of the world, and they would be welcomed into the home of other Christians. In our day and time, just inviting any old stranger into your home would not be a good idea. Notice, all of these Scriptures are talking about **being hospitable to ONE ANOTHER and to those IN THE BODY of Christ**, so it is referring to other Christians.

• **Hebrews 13:2-3** “Do not forget to \_\_\_\_\_ strangers (show hospitality), for by so doing some have unwittingly \_\_\_\_\_ angels. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ as if chained with them, and those who are \_\_\_\_\_, since you yourselves are in the \_\_\_\_\_ also.”

**Definition: “As each one has RECEIVED a GIFT, MINISTER it to ONE ANOTHER”** – The kind of GIFT Peter is speaking about is a **SPIRITUAL GIFT, which ALL true Believers in Jesus Christ have received at least one.** Many of us as Believers **have received MORE than one gift**, and the reason God gives us these spiritual gifts is to use them on behalf of other Christians, **for the good of the Body of Christ, and to BUILD UP His church** (that’s what it means when it says “**MINISTER it to ONE ANOTHER**”). Peter only mentions a few of these GIFTS, such a hospitality, speaking the word of God (preaching), and MINISTERING (serving others). Some of the spiritual gifts that are mentioned in these Scriptures below are: being an apostle, being a pastor, prophecy (preaching), teaching, helps, exhortation (also called encouraging, and also can refer to preaching); giving, leadership (also called

administration), showing mercy, healing, miracles, speaking in tongues, and interpretation of tongues. **NOBODY has ALL of these gifts**, and most of us just have a few different ones. We are to serve within the Body of Christ and **use our gifts for the good of the CHURCH as a WHOLE**, not for any selfish reasons of our own.

• **Ephesians 4:11-13** “And He Himself gave \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_, some \_\_\_\_\_, some \_\_\_\_\_, and some \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, for the edifying (building up) of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect (mature) man, to the measure of the stature of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **I Corinthians 12:27-30** “Now you are the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and members individually. And God has appointed these in the church: first \_\_\_\_\_, second \_\_\_\_\_, third \_\_\_\_\_, after that miracles, then \_\_\_\_\_ of healings, \_\_\_\_\_, administrations, varieties of tongues. Are all \_\_\_\_\_? Are all \_\_\_\_\_? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_? Do all interpret?”

• **Romans 12:4-8** “For as we have many \_\_\_\_\_ in one \_\_\_\_\_, but all the \_\_\_\_\_ do \_\_\_\_\_ have the same \_\_\_\_\_, so we, being many, are \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, and individually members of \_\_\_\_\_. Having then \_\_\_\_\_ differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if \_\_\_\_\_, let us prophesy (preach) in proportion to our faith; or ministry (serving), let us \_\_\_\_\_ it in our \_\_\_\_\_; he who \_\_\_\_\_, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who \_\_\_\_\_, with liberality (generosity); he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”

**Definition: “GOOD STEWARDS of the manifold GRACE of GOD”** – A steward is someone who takes care of something belonging to another person, usually belonging to his master or employer. The dictionary says “a person who is put in charge of the affairs, finances or estate of another person.” **God has put us in charge of MINISTERING the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ to others.** It is God’s grace and His gospel, but **He has given us the responsibility of giving it out to others and taking charge of His kingdom here on earth.** In Matthew 28:18-20, commonly called “The Great Commission”, Jesus tells us to TAKE His AUTHORITY and make disciples of all people everywhere. The authority is not ours, it is His, but He gives us the right to use His name and to be STEWARDS of His grace and mercy in the earth.

• **I Corinthians 9:17** “For if I do this willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have been \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **I Corinthians 4:1-2** “Let a man so consider us, as \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the mysteries of \_\_\_\_\_. Moreover it is required in \_\_\_\_\_ that one be found \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Matthew 28:18-20** “Then Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All \_\_\_\_\_ has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. \_\_\_\_\_ therefore and make \_\_\_\_\_ of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, \_\_\_\_\_ them to \_\_\_\_\_ all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’”

• **Romans 15:16** “That I might be a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.”

● **Colossians 1:25** "Of which I became a \_\_\_\_\_ according to the \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ which was \_\_\_\_\_ to me for \_\_\_\_\_, to fulfill the word of God."

12-14 Beloved, **do NOT think it strange concerning the fiery TRIAL which is to TRY you**, as though some strange thing happened to you; but **REJOICE to the extent that you PARTAKE of Christ's SUFFERINGS**, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. **On their part he is blasphemed, but on your part he is glorified.**

● **James 1:2-3** "My \_\_\_\_\_, count it all \_\_\_\_\_ when you fall into various \_\_\_\_\_, knowing that the \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_ produces \_\_\_\_\_."

● **Acts 5:41** "So they departed from the presence of the council, \_\_\_\_\_ that they were counted worthy to \_\_\_\_\_ shame for His \_\_\_\_\_."

● **John 16:33** "These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me you might have \_\_\_\_\_. In the world you shall have \_\_\_\_\_ (troubles, afflictions): but be of good \_\_\_\_\_; I have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "VARIOUS TRIALS and TESTINGS"** — "Testing" means to qualify or prove by way of being put through certain conditions or procedures, in order to determine the quality or character of something. **"Trial" means a tryout or experiment to test** the quality, value or usefulness of something. Machines and automobiles are put through "stress tests" or given a TRIAL run to determine their strength. Peter tells us that God may allow us, as followers of Christ, to go through "various TRIALS, that the genuineness of our FAITH being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is TESTED by fire, may be found to praise, honor and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

● **I Peter 1:6-7** "In this you greatly \_\_\_\_\_, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved (distressed) by various \_\_\_\_\_, that the genuineness of your \_\_\_\_\_, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_, may be found to praise, honor and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

● **Matthew 5:10-12** "\_\_\_\_\_ are those who are \_\_\_\_\_ for righteousness \_\_\_\_\_, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed (happy) are you when they revile and \_\_\_\_\_ you, and \_\_\_\_\_ all kinds of \_\_\_\_\_ against you falsely for My \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ and be exceedingly \_\_\_\_\_, for great is your \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven, for so they \_\_\_\_\_ the prophets who were before you."

● **John 15:20-21** "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A \_\_\_\_\_ is not greater than his \_\_\_\_\_.' If they persecuted Me, they will also \_\_\_\_\_ you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name's \_\_\_\_\_, because they do not know Him who sent Me."

● **Luke 6:22-23** "\_\_\_\_\_ are you when men \_\_\_\_\_ you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Man's \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ in that day and leap for \_\_\_\_\_!"

**Definition: "REJOICE to the extent that you PARTAKE of Christ's SUFFERINGS"** – This is not referring to Christ's sufferings on the cross, because **NO ONE could do anything to ADD to what Jesus did on the CROSS to PAY for our sins.** The SUFFERINGS it is referring to means the hatred, PERSECUTION, RIDICULE, and MISTREATMENT by other people for our beliefs in Jesus Christ. In that aspect, **we are PARTAKING in Christ's sufferings.** Jesus said that if He, as our Master, was

persecuted, then so will His followers or servants be persecuted. Our attitude is to REJOICE when we are suffering for His sake. You may wonder why so much of this book of the Bible is referring to our suffering as Christians, but if you look at history, you see that the early church was being heavily persecuted at this time, and many were even being tortured and put to death by the Romans.

- **Matthew 10:21-22** "Now brother will deliver up brother to \_\_\_\_\_, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. And you will be \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ for My \_\_\_\_\_ sake....."
- **Colossians 1:24** "I now \_\_\_\_\_ in my \_\_\_\_\_ for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, for the sake of His body, which is the \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Matthew 10:24-25** "A \_\_\_\_\_ is not above his \_\_\_\_\_, nor a \_\_\_\_\_ above his \_\_\_\_\_. It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a \_\_\_\_\_ like his \_\_\_\_\_. If they have called the \_\_\_\_\_ of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household!"

**Definition: "They have CALLED the MASTER of the house BEELZEBUB"** – Those who hate God and are enemies of the Gospel of Jesus Christ often resort to **name-calling**. Jesus is saying that His enemies will call Him "Beelzebub," which is another name or title for Satan. Beelzebub actually means "lord of the flies." Flies always gather on dead and rotting things, so it is **a descriptive title of Satan**, showing us his rottenness and filthiness, and also the flies represent his demons. Later, Jesus was accused by the Pharisees of **doing miracles by the power of Beelzebub**, because they did not want to admit Jesus was the Messiah who had come from God. Be very careful, and **do not assume that ALL miracles** or supernatural phenomena are from God, because Satan does have power to perform certain kinds of miracles. Satan can cause people to hear voices and see false visions, so beware of people who are always saying, "God told me this and that," or "I had a vision." Our faith **MUST** be founded and anchored **on the word of God**, not on miracles!

- **Matthew 12:24-26** "But when the Pharisees heard it they said, 'This fellow does not cast out \_\_\_\_\_ except by \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.' But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them, 'Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand. And if \_\_\_\_\_ casts out \_\_\_\_\_, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? And if I cast out \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
- **II Thessalonians 2:9** "The coming of the lawless one (the Anti-Christ) is according to the working of \_\_\_\_\_, with all \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ wonders (miracles)."

**Definition: "On their part he is BLASPHEMED, but on your part he is GLORIFIED"** – The non-believers who are persecuting the Christians will most likely use bad language, curse and swear, and use God's name and the name of Jesus in vain and in a non-respectful manner. The dictionary defines "blasphemy" as **insulting or showing contempt, or lack of reverence for God**. Although we may be grieved by hearing people use God's name as a swear word and blaspheming Him in many ways, **God will ultimately be GLORIFIED by our reaction and our testimony as we endure persecution and unfair treatment at their hands**. The Apostle Paul refers to himself as **having been a "blasphemer"** before he got saved, and I think many of us have come from that place before we were saved, also.

- **I Timothy 1:12-13** "And I \_\_\_\_\_ Christ Jesus our Lord, who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; although I was \_\_\_\_\_"

a \_\_\_\_\_, and a \_\_\_\_\_, and an insolent man; but I obtained  
\_\_\_\_\_, because I did it \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_”