

# Spiritual Gifts

Serving Jesus

Matthew 25:14-29

**1. There is a connection between serving him in this “life” and life in the “after-life.”**

**A. We are accountable.**

**B. “Long awaited” affirmation of Christ:**

**A. Well done**

**B. Good**

**C. Faithful**

## 2. Jesus expects his followers to carry-on where he left off.

A. Matt. 25:14 For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. (ESV)

B. Jn. 14:16-18 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ...18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. (ESV)

- **Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**
- **Tit 2:14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.**

### **3. Jesus' "gifts" are faith-building opportunities, given to each one of us.**

- 1. Every believer receives a "gift."**
- 2. His gift is a stewardship.**
- 3. Will require a faith-step.**
- 4. Each faith-step builds upon another.**
- 5. Each faith-step has the potential to bring us into the joy of the Lord and the glory of Christ.**

## 4. Jesus' gifts are opportunities to serve others, not ourselves.

1 Pet. 4:10-11 God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. <sup>11</sup> Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ.

• **We step in faith, today, so that one day we may hear these words:**

**1. Well done:**

**1. Good and**

**2. Faithful servant.**

**Song – The Afters**

# Next step.

**1. Memorize 1 Peter 4:10;**

**1. bonus – add verse 11.**

**2. Examine yourself:**

**1. Are you a five-talent, two-talent, or one-talent servant of Christ?**

**2. Why not choose today to “up” your game?**