



Use or lose it!

WHAT IS YOUR OUTLOOK ON LIFE?

Do you know what you have been given?

- ▶ Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, *each of us is to exercise them accordingly*: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.
- ▶ (Rom 12:6-8)
- ▶ But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
- ▶ (1Co 12:7)
- ▶ As each one has received a *special gift*, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.
- ▶ (1Pe 4:10)

More than gifts!

- ▶ "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly.
- ▶ (John 10:10)
- ▶ Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.
- ▶ (2Pe 1:2-4)

Invest what you have

- ▶ **And He was saying to them, "Take care what you listen to. By your standard of measure it will be measured to you; and more will be given you besides. "For whoever has, to him *more* shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him." And He was saying, "The kingdom of God is like a man who casts seed upon the soil; and he goes to bed at night and gets up by day, and the seed sprouts and grows; how, he himself does not know.**
- ▶ **(Mar 4:24-27)**

Expect more

- ▶ **Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. "For whoever has, to him *more* shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.**
- ▶ **(Mat 13:11-12)**