

1 Peter 4:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Analysis

Peter gives gift categories: speaking and serving. Ultimate goal is God's glory, not personal recognition. Glory and power belong to God eternally.

Historical Context

Peter divides gifts into speaking and serving. Both aim at God's glory. Early church valued both equally.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How can you ensure speaking gifts communicate God's truth rather than personal opinions?
2. What does serving in God's ability rather than your own strength mean?

Interlinear Text

εἰ	τις	λαλεῖ	ώς	λόγια	θεὸς	εἰ	τις	διακονεῖ
G1487	G5100	speak	let him do it as	the oracles	God	G1487	G5100	minister
		G2980	G5613	G3051	G2316			G1247
ώς	ἐξ	ἰσχύος	ῳ	χορηγεῖ	ό	θεὸς	ἵνα	ἐν
let him do it as	of	the ability	to whom	giveth	G3588	God	that	in
G5613	G1537	G2479	G3739	G5524		G2316	G2443	G1722
πᾶσιν	δοξάζηται	ό	θεὸς	διὰ	Ἰησοῦ	Χριστοῦ	ῳ	
all things	may be glorified	G3588	God	through	Jesus	Christ	to whom	
G3956	G1392		G2316	G1223	G2424	G5547		G3739
ἐστιν	ἡ	δόξα	καὶ	τὸ	κράτος	εἰς	τοὺς	αἰώνων
be	G3588	praise	and	G3588	dominion	for	G3588	and ever
G2076		G1391	G2532		G2904	G1519		G3588
αἰώνων	ἀμήν							
and ever	Amen							
G165	G281							

Additional Cross-References

1 Corinthians 10:31 (Glory): Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

Ephesians 6:10 (Parallel theme): Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

1 Peter 4:10 (References God): As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Acts 7:38 (Parallel theme): This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

Ephesians 4:29 (Parallel theme): Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Romans 3:2 (References God): Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.

Colossians 4:6 (Parallel theme): Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

1 Corinthians 12:4 (Parallel theme): Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

James 1:19 (Parallel theme): Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

1 Peter 2:5 (References Jesus): Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

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