

## Living in Light of the End: Service

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  - b. God has provided a \_\_\_\_\_ of gifts according to His grace.
  
2. Faithful service is in keeping with God's purposes.
  - a. God has purposed to \_\_\_\_\_ His church with your gifting.
  - b. God has purposed to bring Himself \_\_\_\_\_ through your gifting.
  
3. Faithful service is in keeping with God's program.
  - a. God's program involves sensible \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. God's program involves precise \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. God's program involves empowered \_\_\_\_\_.

# First Peter

To God's Chosen Ones





# **Living in Light of the End**

## **Service**

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Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another,  
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Amen.

# Big Idea:

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# Rationale

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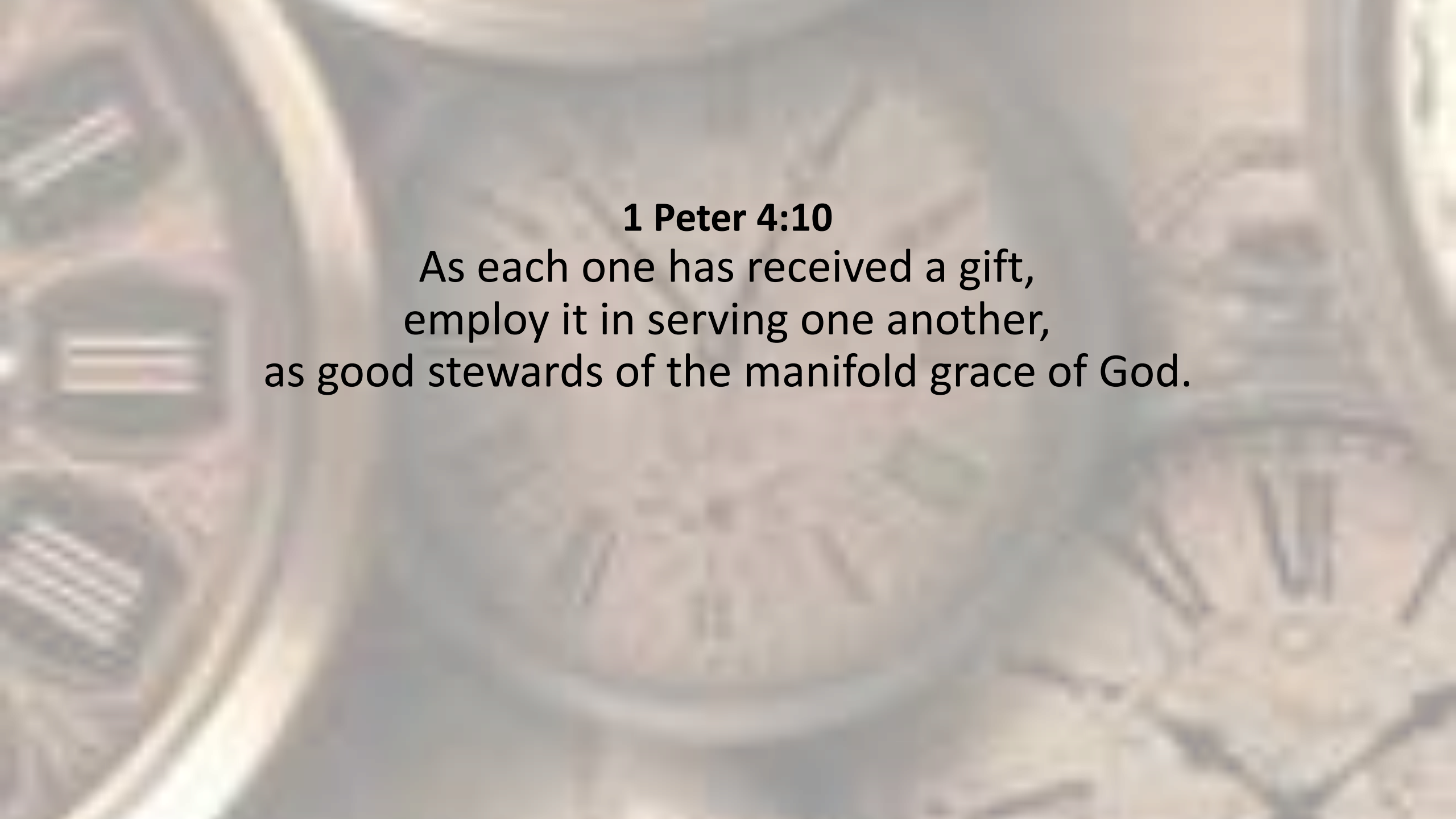
# Faithful Service

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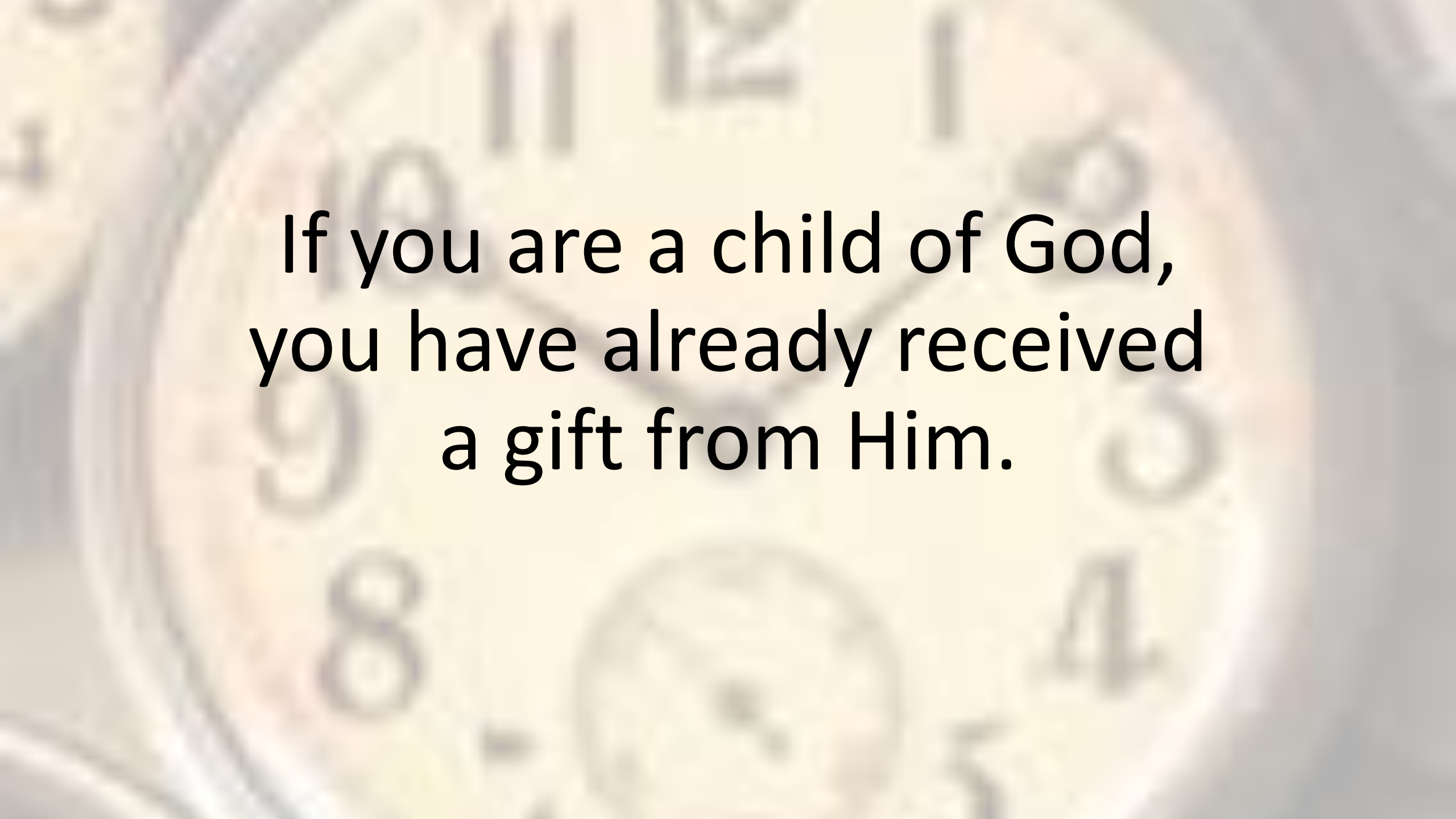
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If you are a child of God,  
you have already received  
a gift from Him.

**1 Corinthians 12:7**

But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

**1 Corinthians 12:11**

But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

**Ephesians 4:7**

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

# In keeping with God's provisions

*God has gifted every believer.*

*God has provided a great diversity  
of gifts according to His grace.*

# According to His Grace

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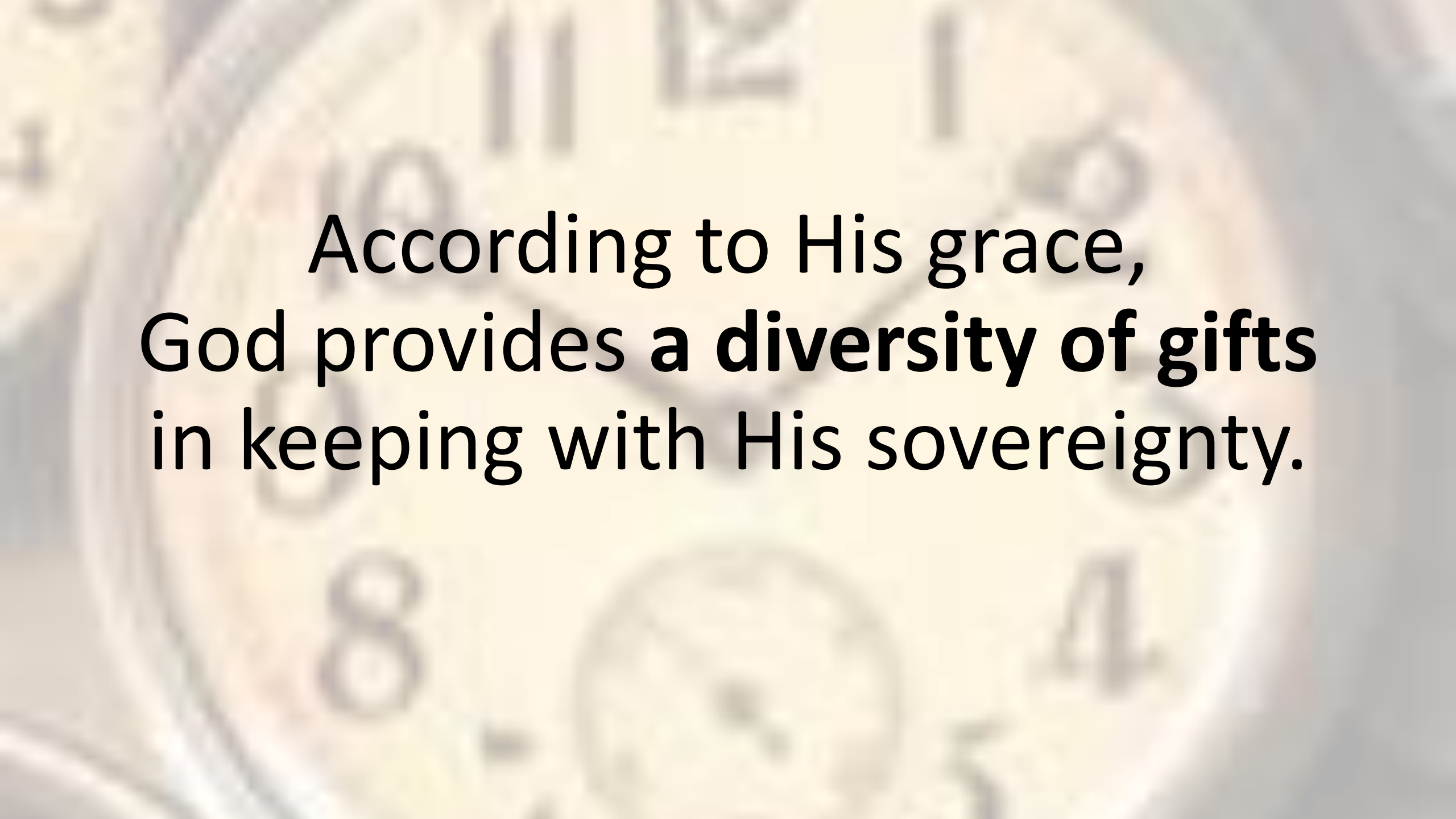
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The unique and special abilities  
God has given you as His child are  
not a credit to you but are  
manifestations of His grace to you.

**1 Corinthians 4:7**

For who regards you as superior?  
And what do you have that you did not receive?  
But if you did receive it, why do you boast  
as if you had not received it?





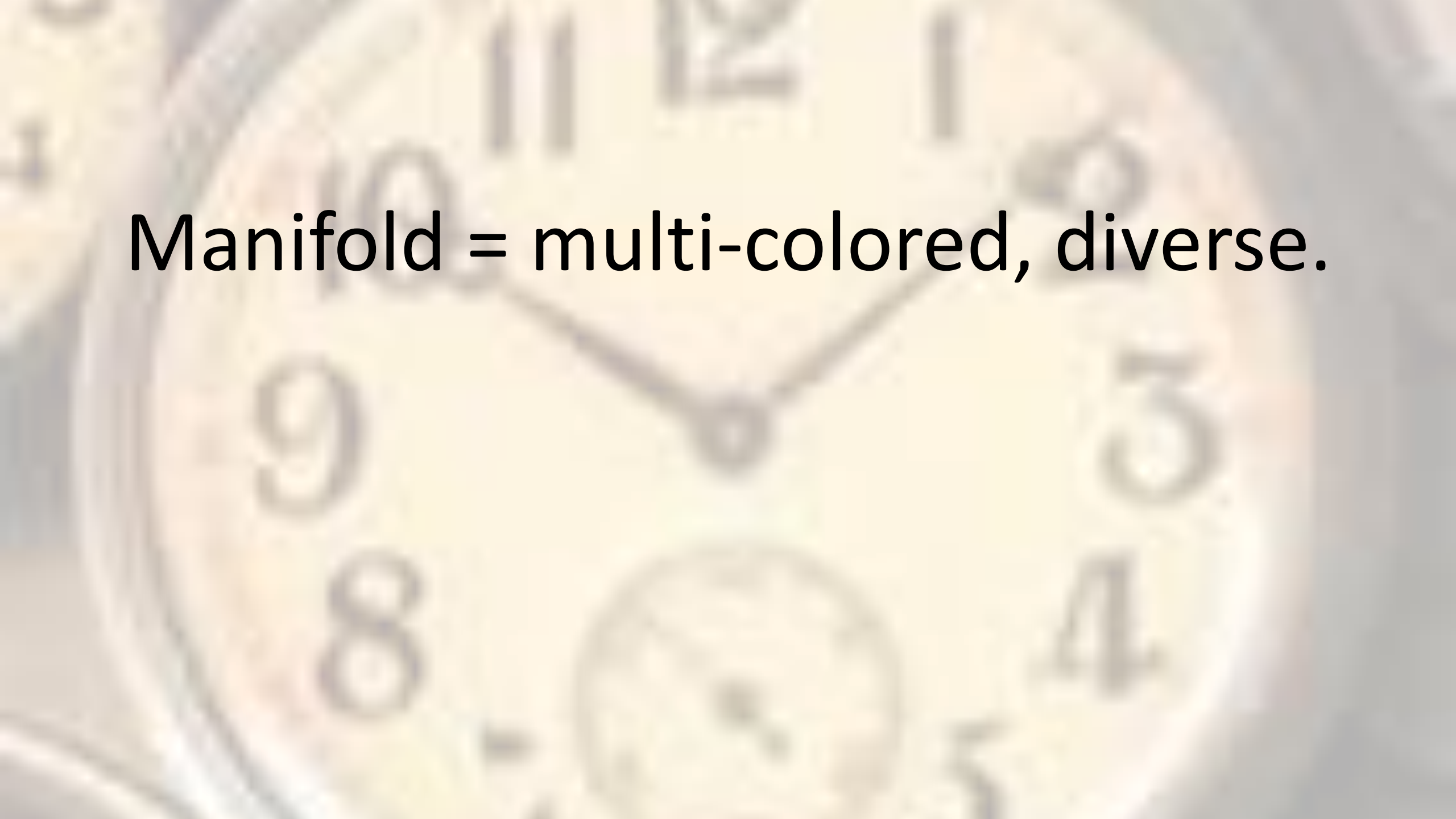
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God provides a **diversity of gifts**  
in keeping with His sovereignty.

# A Diversity of Gifts

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Manifold = multi-colored, diverse.

**Romans 12:6**

And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us...

**1 Corinthians 12:11**

But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

In His infinite wisdom and in keeping with His purposes, God has gifted every believer for faithful service.

This gifting is amazingly diverse such that every believer has a unique part in God's purposes.

The background of the image is a dense, overlapping collage of numerous pocket watches. The watches vary in design, with some featuring Roman numerals and others Arabic numerals. The colors of the watch faces range from light cream to dark brown, and the overall image has a soft, slightly faded appearance. The watches are arranged in a way that they seem to be scattered across the entire frame, creating a textured and busy background.

# Faithful Service

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# Building His Church

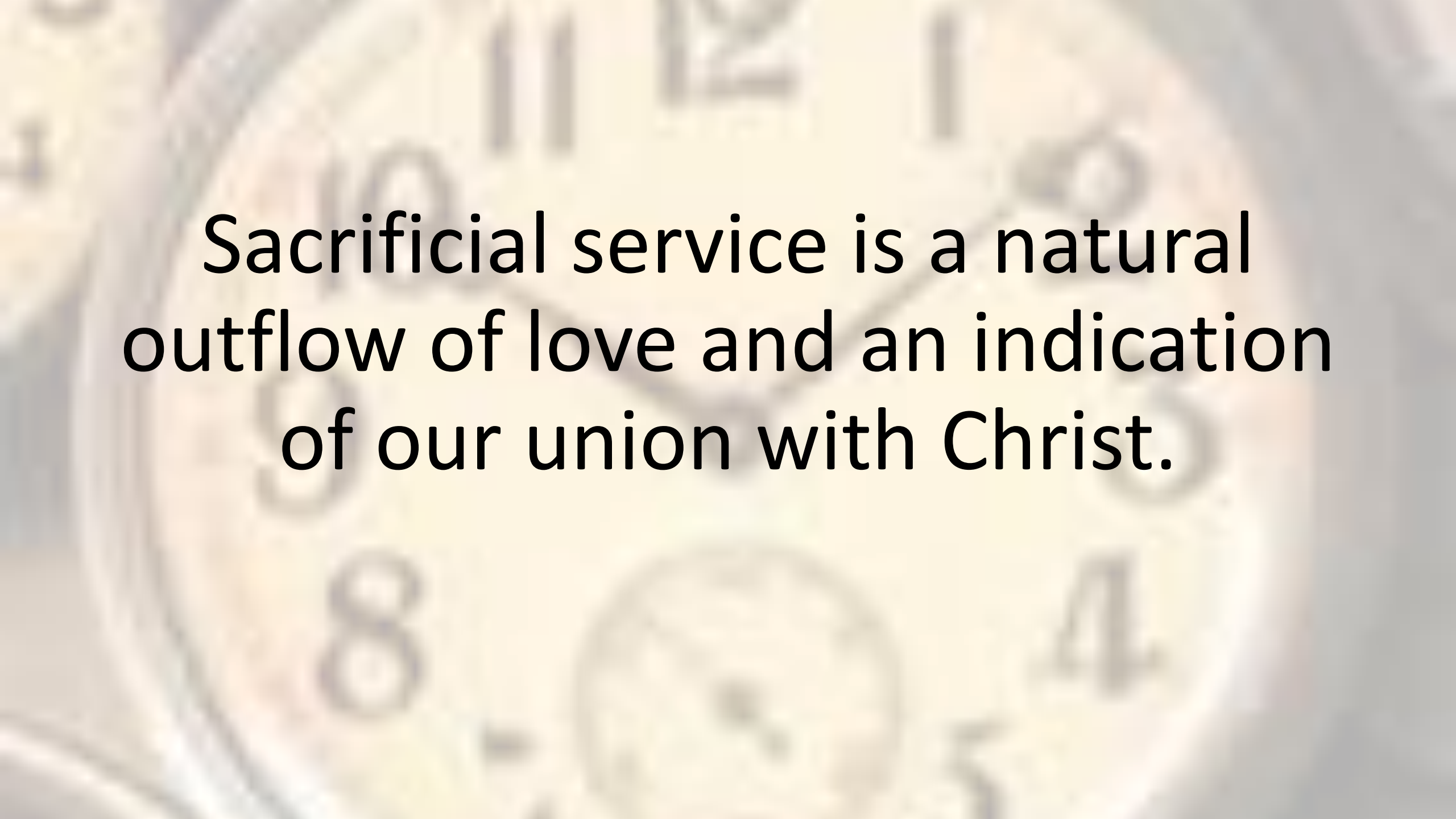
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Sacrificial service is a natural outflow of love and an indication of our union with Christ.



**Mark 10:45**

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served,  
but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Your gifting is God's provision to  
the church for the purpose of  
building each other up in Christ.

## **Ephesians 4:15-16**

...but speaking the truth in love,  
we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head,  
even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held  
together by that which every joint supplies,  
according to the proper working of each individual part,  
causes the growth of the body  
for the building up of itself in love.

Faithful service is purposeful service.

Is your service aimed at  
building up the body of Christ.

# What are God's purposes?

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*God has purposed to bring Himself  
glory through your gifting.*

# Twofold Division

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# Purpose

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Your gifting is not for your glory  
but for God's!

To glorify God is to speak and  
live in such a way as to shine  
light upon the person and work  
of Jesus Christ.

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## **2 Corinthians 4:6**

For God, who said, “Light shall shine out of darkness,” is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

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# Faithful Service

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**Faithful service is service in keeping  
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# What is God's program?

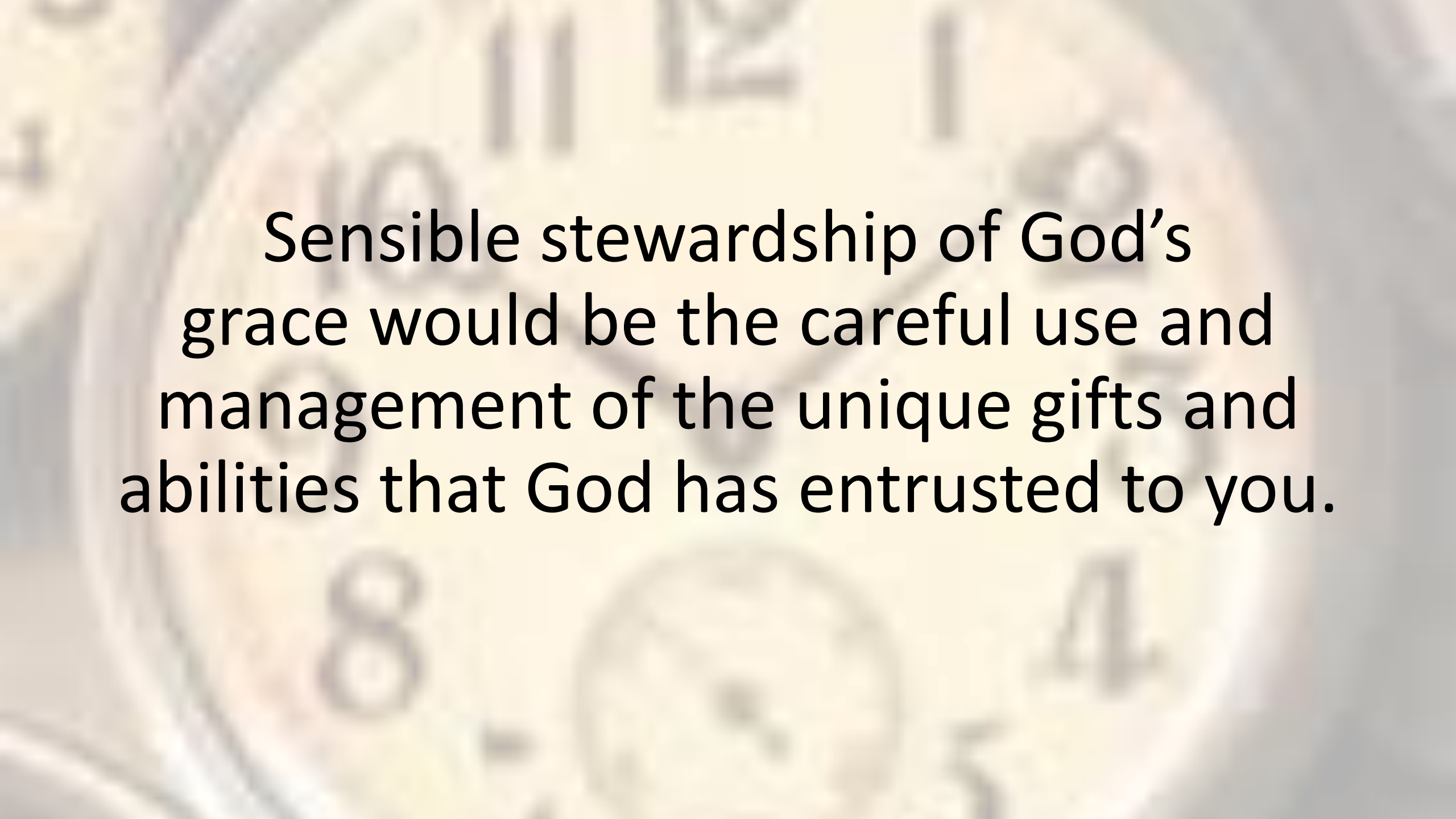
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# Sensible Stewardship

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Sensible stewardship of God's grace would be the careful use and management of the unique gifts and abilities that God has entrusted to you.

# What is God's program?

*God's program involves sensible stewardship.*

*God's program involves  
precise proclamation.*



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All who preach and teach are called to do so with great care for precision, understanding that they proclaim God's message and not their own.

## **2 Peter 1:20-21**

But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

In this current age of the Church,  
all speaking ministries must be rooted  
and grounded exclusively in the  
Word of God.

# What is God's program?

*God's program involves sensible stewardship.*

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empowered exertion.*

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Do you need God's power in your service?

If not, perhaps you are not  
seeing how your service fits  
within God's program.

# Conclusion:

Living in light of the end will lead you to frequent prayer, fervent love, and **faithful service.**



# **Follow up Question:**

Do you need to know your gift or gifts in order to serve faithfully?

# For Reflection:

God has gifted every believer according to His multi-colored grace and His infinite wisdom.

God intends **every** believer to be serving in ways that build up others in Christ for the glory of God.

God's program involves both the clear declaration of His truth and the compassionate display of His love.

You do not need labels for your gifting in order to faithfully serve one another.