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## 1. Our Lives

### **1 Thes. 2:7-12**

<sup>7</sup> *But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children.*

<sup>8</sup> *Having thus a fond affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.*

<sup>9</sup> *For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.*

<sup>10</sup> *You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers;*

<sup>11</sup> *just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children,*

<sup>12</sup> *so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.*

### **2 Cor. 12:15a**

<sup>15a</sup> *And I will most gladly spend and be expended for your souls. ...*

### **Galatians 6:10**

<sup>10</sup> *So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.*

## 2. Our Material And Financial Resources

### **Acts 2:44-45**

<sup>44</sup> *And all those who had believed were together, and had all things in common;*

<sup>45</sup> *and they began selling their property and possessions, and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.*

### **Acts 4:32-35**

<sup>32</sup> *And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own; but all things were common property to them.*

<sup>33</sup> *And with great power the apostles were giving witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all.*

<sup>34</sup> *For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales,*

<sup>35</sup> *and lay them at the apostles' feet; and they would be distributed to each, as any had need.*

### 3. **Our Spiritual Gifts**

#### **Definition of Spiritual gift**

A God-given ability of Christ which God entrusts to each of His people in order to involve them in the task of bringing healing to an alienated world.

#### **1 Peter 4:7-11**

<sup>7</sup> *The end of all things is at hand; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.*

<sup>8</sup> *Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.*

<sup>9</sup> *Be hospitable to one another without complaint.*

<sup>10</sup> *As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

<sup>11</sup> *Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God; whoever serves, let him do so as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

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