

The Church Empowers and The Members Serve

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Ephesians 4:11-16

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

A. Grace [gifts] are Given _____

B. BUT to Certain Christians [_____]

1. God gave _____ and _____
2. Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists and Pastor/Teachers

C. In Order To...

1. _____ the Saints... and provide opportunities to use the Spiritual Gifts
 - a. For The Work of Ministry [Service to others]
 - a. To Build Up the Body of Christ [Church Members]
2. Until All Reach and Attain...
 - a. The Unity of the Faith [_____]
 - b. And Knowledge of the Son [_____]
 - *epignosko* – is experiential knowledge! not just head information
 - c. Become Full-Grown/Mature people – what is “full-grown”?
 - the “_____”

D. So That...

1. We do Not _____
 - Who are Tossed by the Waves/Carried by the Wind of [False Doctrine/Teaching]
 - By those who use Human Cunning/Deceitful Schemes

2. But Rather...

a. AS we Speak the _____

b. We all Grow Up

▪ In Every Way into Christ

E. Christ ["from whom"] is the _____ for [all of the above] for the Whole Body

1. HE – _____ the Whole Body [every joint]

▪ through His _____ – pastor/teachers

2. HE – _____ *the Whole Body*

▪ *through His* _____

3. BUT – The Body is _____...

a. WHEN – _____ Properly

b. AND – When each part is working properly...

▪ the Body Grows

▪ and builds itself up in love

F. What does “as each part does its work” mean?

1 Peter 4:10-11

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1. We have _____ from God

2. We are to _____ [Faithfully Administer them] to Serve Others

a. We have to _____ and Use our Gifts

b. That is what “as each part does its work” means!

3. So That – _____!

In a nutshell:

Church Leaders _____

The Holy Spirit _____

Church Members _____