

WE WILL GROW

Ephesians 4:1-16

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all...

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.. But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,
he took many captives
and gave gifts to his people.”

(What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ...

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.. He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 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...

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.. 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 people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 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.

Ephesians 4:1-16 (NIV)

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Ephesians 4:8

SPIRITUAL GIFTS:

Any ability that is given by and/or empowered by the Holy Spirit to be used in any ministry of the church. The gifts of the Spirit are supernatural enabling's that allow us to engage in the ministry of Christ.

The purpose of the Spiritual Gifts is to build up, strengthen, enable, and comfort one another in being faithful to Christ and his mission until He returns.

All gifts must be exercised in love. Every believer has at least one Spiritual Gift and most Jesus-Followers have several. No person has all of them.

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NEW TESTAMENT LISTS OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1 COR. 12:8-11

WORD OF WISDOM
WORD OF KNOWLEDGE
FAITH
GIFTS OF HEALINGS
WORKING OF MIRACLES
PROPHECY
DISTINGUISHING OF SPIRITS
KINDS OF TONGUES
INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES

1 COR. 12:28

APOSTLES
PROPHETS
TEACHERS
WORKERS OF MIRACLES
HELPS
ADMINISTRATION
KINDS OF TONGUES

ROM. 12:6-8

PROPHECY
SERVICE
TEACHING
EXHORTATION
GIVING
LEADERSHIP
SHOWING OF MERCY

EPH. 4:11

APOSTLES
PROPHETS
EVANGELISTS
PASTORS
TEACHERS

1 PETER 4:11

SPEAKING
SERVICE

One body

One Spirit

One hope

One Lord

One faith

One baptism

One God and Father

One body

One Spirit

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BUT...to each one of us

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Ephesians 4:11-13

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 people in their deceitful scheming.

Ephesians 4:14

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

Ephesians 4:15

From the cowardice that shrinks from new truths,
From the laziness that is content with half-truths,
And from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth,
O God of truth, deliver us.

Henlee H. Barnette, "The Minister As a Moral Role-Model,"