



A Healthy Church

Ephesians 4:1-16

We are entering a 'new phase' –

New elders –

A second preacher – two preacher arrangement –

New members –

New NEEDS

New problems !

→ Unity



Unity

Unity is NOT JUST
the absence of
animosity -

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It involves 'fellowship' (working together) – attitude –

It takes Character



Character!

- Humility
- Gentleness
 - (meek, self-control)
- Patience
- Tolerance

¹ Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

² with all **humility** and **gentleness**, with **patience**, showing **tolerance** for one another in love,

It TAKES WORK

³ being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.



Unity

Be DILIGENT
To preserve
The unity of the Spirit

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→ PRESERVE – because the UNITY IS THERE!



⁴ *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

⁶ one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

→ ONE Body – Many part – different abilities--



One Body Many Parts

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→ Gifts of Leadership to accomplish this unity



Gifts of Leadership

- Apostles
- Prophets
- Evangelists
- Pastors / Teachers

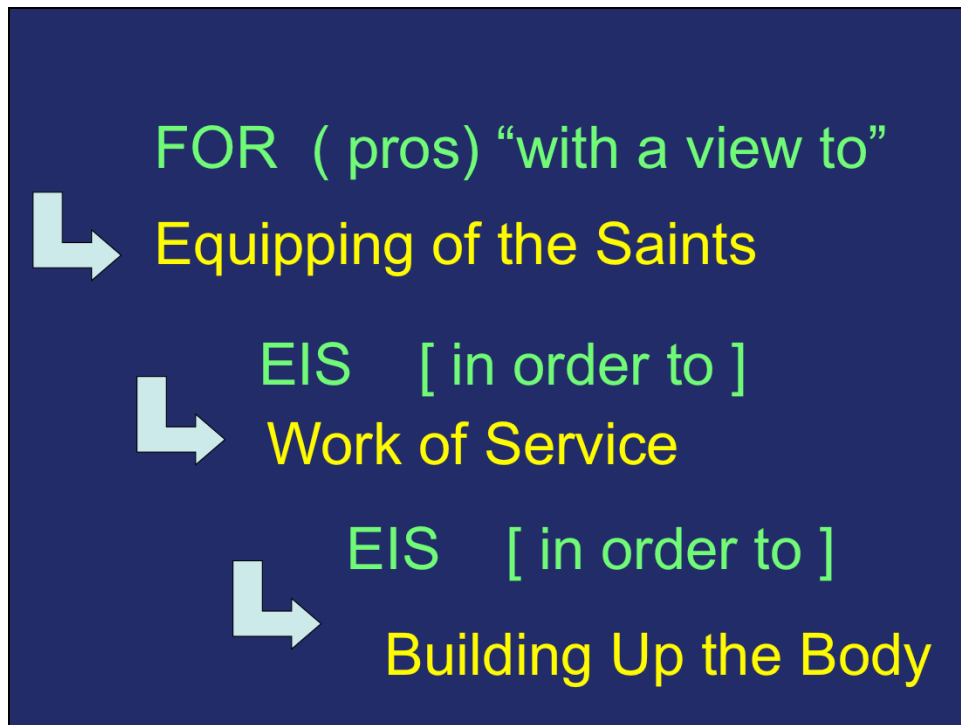
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Gifts for a purpose

¹¹ And He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors and teachers,

¹² *for* the equipping of the saints

for the work of service,

to the building up of the body of Christ;

→ Goal – Mature / grown up /



Vs. 13-15



Mature (Grown up)

(Not children)



¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Result of Fulfilled Roles

¹⁴ As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ,

Accept responsibilities –

→ Hence vs. 16



Vs. 16

- Whole Body
 - Every Part
 - Each Individual Part
- GROWS**

Every Part Working Properly

¹⁶from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what 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.

