

I. Ephesians 4:11

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

Those who are gifted were not _____ that way.

They are gifted because Christ _____ to them.

Christ gives different gifts not to _____, but to _____, in the church.

II. Ephesians 4:12

...for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ...

Christ gave gifts to certain individuals for the _____ purpose of equipping the saints, to the _____ goal of equipping the saints for the work of the ministry, and the _____ goal of building up the body of Christ.

Equipping is more than just _____.

It encompasses _____ and _____ to make one adequate or sufficient.

Work of service is simply _____ of the Lord.

_____ saint is expected to do works of service.

III. Ephesians 4:13

...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.

Christ continues to give gifts to the church until the church attains 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.

These are not three _____, but three _____ of one _____.

Ephesians 4 describes a _____.

Teamwork is not about what you want or don't want or about whether you feel led or not feel led to do the work of service.

The team's _____ is what matters.

Teamwork says _____.



Digging Deeper

(for group study and conversation, and for personal reflection)

- Name one person whose “work of service” blesses you.
 - » Explain why his or her “work of service” blesses you.

- What has been your “work of service” in the body of Christ?
- What is your current “work of service” in the body of Christ?
- What things will you do to make your “work of service” better?
- What “work of service” do you think Christ is asking you to do? Why?

- What does Ephesians 4:11–13 say to us loudly? What would you and I miss if Ephesians 4:11–13 were not in our Bibles?
- How does Ephesians 4:11–13 change you?

Pray in your group, and give thanks to God for Ephesians 4:11–13.