

Gifted to serve and mature

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- I. CHRIST GAVE THE CHURCH ALL THE GIFTED PEOPLE IT NEEDS (Ephesians 4:7-10).
 - A. Spiritual gifts are personally planned and given by Christ (4:7).
 - B. Spiritual gifts result from Christ's victory over death (4:8-10).

- II. CHRIST MATURES HIS CHURCH AS GIFTED LEADERS EQUIP THE CHURCH TO SERVE (Ephesians 4:11-13).
 - A. Christ supplies the church with gifted leaders (4:11).
 - Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastor-teachers
 - B. Leaders equip all believers to serve using their spiritual gifts so the church grows strong (4:12).
 - Spiritual gifts (Rom. 12:4-8, 1 Cor. 12; 1 Peter 4:10-11)
 - C. A serving church matures in unity and godliness (4:13).

- III. A MATURE CHURCH IS DOCTRINALLY STABLE AND RELATIONALLY CONNECTED (Ephesians 4:14-16).
 - A. We grow doctrinally stable as everyone serves (14).
 - B. We grow relationally close as we are lovingly honest (15).
 - C. Everyone matures as everyone is connected and involved (16).