

⁷BUT GRACE WAS GIVEN TO EACH ONE OF US ACCORDING TO THE MEASURE OF CHRIST'S GIFT... ¹¹AND HE GAVE THE APOSTLES, THE PROPHETS, THE EVANGELISTS, THE SHEPHERDS AND TEACHERS, ¹²TO EQUIP THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF MINISTRY, FOR BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST, ¹³UNTIL WE ALL ATTAIN TO THE UNITY OF THE FAITH AND OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SON OF GOD, TO MATURE MANHOOD, TO THE MEASURE OF THE STATURE OF THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST, ¹⁴SO THAT WE MAY NO LONGER BE CHILDREN, TOSSED TO AND FRO BY THE WAVES AND CARRIED ABOUT BY EVERY WIND OF DOCTRINE, BY HUMAN CUNNING, BY CRAFTINESS IN DECEITFUL SCHEMES.

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¹⁵RATHER, SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE, WE ARE TO GROW UP IN EVERY WAY INTO HIM WHO IS THE HEAD, INTO CHRIST, ¹⁶FROM WHOM THE WHOLE BODY, JOINED AND HELD TOGETHER BY EVERY JOINT WITH WHICH IT IS EQUIPPED, WHEN EACH PART IS WORKING PROPERLY, MAKES THE BODY GROW SO THAT IT BUILDS ITSELF UP IN LOVE. —EPHESIANS 4:7, 11-16

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I. GOD GIVES SPIRITUAL GIFTS TO ENABLE MINISTRY AND MATURITY IN THE BODY

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SPIRITUAL GIFT = A SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FROM GOD FOR A SPECIFIC TASK HE HAS FOR US

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⁴NOW THERE ARE VARIETIES OF GIFTS, BUT THE SAME SPIRIT; ⁵AND THERE ARE VARIETIES OF SERVICE, BUT THE SAME LORD; ⁶AND THERE ARE VARIETIES OF ACTIVITIES,

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BUT IT IS THE SAME GOD WHO EMPOWERS THEM ALL IN EVERYONE. ⁷TO EACH IS GIVEN THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT FOR THE COMMON GOOD...

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ALL THESE ARE EMPOWERED BY ONE AND THE SAME SPIRIT,
WHO APPORTIONS TO EACH ONE INDIVIDUALLY AS HE WILLS.
—1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-7, 11

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FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS
FOR GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED BEFOREHAND,
THAT WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM. —EPHESIANS 2:10

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BUT SOMEONE WILL SAY, "YOU HAVE FAITH AND I HAVE WORKS."
SHOW ME YOUR FAITH APART FROM YOUR WORKS,
AND I WILL SHOW YOU MY FAITH BY MY WORKS. —JAMES 2:18

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AND I HEARD A VOICE FROM HEAVEN SAYING,
"WRITE THIS: BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHO DIE
IN THE LORD FROM NOW ON."

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"BLESSED INDEED," SAYS THE SPIRIT,
"THAT THEY MAY REST FROM THEIR LABORS, FOR THEIR DEEDS
FOLLOW THEM!" —REVELATION 14:13

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2. GOD PROVIDES SPIRITUAL LEADERS TO EQUIP
FOR MINISTRY AND MATURITY IN THE BODY

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¹SO I EXHORT THE ELDERS AMONG YOU, AS A FELLOW ELDER
AND A WITNESS OF THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST,
AS WELL AS A PARTAKER IN THE GLORY THAT IS GOING
TO BE REVEALED: ²SHEPHERD THE FLOCK OF GOD
THAT IS AMONG YOU, EXERCISING OVERSIGHT,
NOT UNDER COMPULSION, BUT WILLINGLY,
AS GOD WOULD HAVE YOU; NOT FOR SHAMEFUL GAIN,
BUT EAGERLY; ³NOT DOMINEERING OVER THOSE
IN YOUR CHARGE, BUT BEING EXAMPLES TO THE FLOCK.
⁴AND WHEN THE CHIEF SHEPHERD APPEARS, YOU WILL
RECEIVE THE UNFADING CROWN OF GLORY. —1 PETER 5:1-4

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LET THE ELDERS WHO RULE WELL BE CONSIDERED WORTHY
OF DOUBLE HONOR, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO LABOR
IN PREACHING AND TEACHING. —1 TIMOTHY 5:17

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HE MUST HOLD FIRM TO THE TRUSTWORTHY WORD
AS TAUGHT, SO THAT HE MAY BE ABLE
TO GIVE INSTRUCTION

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IN SOUND DOCTRINE AND ALSO TO REBUKE THOSE
WHO CONTRADICT IT. —TITUS 1:9

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3. GOD CALLS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS (SAINTS)
TO ENGAGE IN THE MINISTRY
AND MATURITY OF THE BODY

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• EXHIBIT A CHRIST-LIKE IDENTITY?

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• EXERCISE DOCTRINAL STABILITY?

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• EXPRESS COMPASSIONATE LOVE?

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• EXAMINE YOUR PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION?

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