

United We Build

Ephesians 4:11-14 • Journey Evangelical Church
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How Should We Respond to Jesus' Provision of Gifts and Offices to the Church?

Last week, the **Gifts** of the **Spirit**. This week the **Offices** of the **Church**.

(The **"Fivefold Ministry"** or **"Fourfold Ministry"** of the Church.)

"And he gave the **apostles**, the **prophets**, the **evangelists**, the **shepherds** and **teachers**..." v.11



1. APOSTLES
 2. PROPHETS
 3. EVANGELISTS
 4. PASTORS
 5. TEACHERS
- OR
1. APOSTLES
 2. PROPHETS
 3. EVANGELISTS
 4. PASTORS AND TEACHERS



Here Paul focuses not on individual spiritual gifts but on **gifted persons** who **Christ has given to the church**.

Q: IS THE PURPOSE OF THESE OFFICES TO **DO** THE WORK OF THE CHURCH OR TO **EQUIP THE SAINTS** TO DO THE WORK?

As he Equips us through these gifted persons, what is he Equipping us for?

He is Prepping us and Directing us to...

1. **GIVE UP** empty, directionless lives.
Instead...do *"the work of ministry"* v.12
2. **GEAR UP** for the building task.
"to equip the saints" v.12
3. **GATHER UP** as a construction crew.
"until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God" v.13
4. **GRADUATE UP** from 'not measuring up.'
"to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" v.13
5. **GROW UP** into Christlike maturity.
"so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves" v.14

Intersecting God's Word with my life: <Elders@JourneyEC.org>

- Does my life sometimes seem empty or directionless, or do I have a sense of ministry-mindedness?
- Is my outlook at church more an attitude of SERVICE or SERVE US?
- Do I know what my main Spiritual Gift is? Who can help me to identify it and deploy it?
- Who has been most influential to my spiritual growth? In what ways have I been challenged to grow? How can I encourage the growth of someone else?
- What, specifically, are some ongoing things I can do to help build up the Body of Christ?
- I am interested in becoming a follower of Jesus or being baptized (please email elders).

If you have a prayer request:

1. please email Journey elders at <Elders@JourneyEC.org>, and/or
2. after service, come forward to the steps on the left, a prayer team member will pray for you.