

Eph 4:11-12 - O Prophesying Ministry = Gifts: W/in
the church & has placed everything necessary
to be in church & function as the church.

vs 7, 8 is key = The Gift of The Savior

Background; vs 8 = David's entry into Jerusalem
Captured from Jebusites = crowning event in Israeli
history - David ascended upon the Holy Hill of
Zion - the vanquished cast their sword at his
feet & David shared them w/ the people
- Resurrection gifts

I The Equipping Ministry of The Church

1- X bestowed gift upon men & the men so
gifted are in turn bestowed upon the church.

- gifts to the church

TWO PAR

1 = O apostle & prophet - Eph 2:20

apostles a = directly commissioned by x || new churches
b = successors = sent ones to

Prophet = one who speaks forth = a spokesman
for O

The apostle gives the authoritative word = proclaim
the message, the prophet explains & applies it -

Prophet derives from a Mk root = to counsel to share
forthtelling & foretelling (whole counsel of O)

2) Evangelist & Pastor - Teachers

a - evangelist = announcing glad tidings = proclaim
the good news of salvation

3) Pastors/teachers a - Pastor: shepherds the flock
& instruct them in the word of O elders & Bishops

3. New Function = vs 12 = appears 3-fold, but
only one $\pi\rho\sigma$, $\epsilon\iota\varsigma$, $\epsilon\iota\varsigma$

"W a view to the equipping of the saints"

① Equip. to render fit, make complete = used
of members, nets = outfitting a ship or setting
a box in place - cf v. 16 = FITLY JOINED TOGETHER

② staff joins pastor in this ministry

③ this harmonizes w/ vs 7 that every believer has
received a capacity for service.

II - The Edifying Ministry of The Church
1. The ultimate end is last clause = the building
up of the body of X.

② no-worky ministry = Practical service

The body is built up when the saints, ~~are~~
having been outfitted, are doing the work
of the ministry = cf 1 Cor 12 = spiritual gifts
are for the edifying of the body of X.

3. Every believer has his contribution to make &
when they are making it, the body is built up

v. 16 = In love = some churches grow but
not in love because it isn't every member doing
his part.

IV - The Enabling Ministry of The Spirit
"Grace given according to the gifts of X"
Psa 68 = Resurrection power

2.5 Principles of Growth - Gen 4: 1-12
The Church is self-sufficient - v.16 - Not the Body builds itself up - as every joint properly functions normally, the body grows - no outside help needed - financial legislation, worldly entertainment or ~~power~~ ministerial servants - if we realized this, we might stop directing the world & going crazy everytime a hero says a nice word about @ = 24 when Roger Stambach at James Robinson Censured

Every local church has within it needs to grow - money
the basis - Every church can afford N.T. evangelism -
we are mistaken influence for Power

I have a higher opinion of the church than you do - it is the fulness of Him that filleth all in all.

- Provision in form of Gifts: Text & background text
Gen 68:18 - Rebel Jebusites taken over Jerusalem, Holy city -
David engaged, mounted throne, defeated bowed in submission, joy, ripe skin spoils, war, David distributed them to his people.

I - The Equipping Gifts vs 11, 12 - Perfecting - Equip, to make fit, ready, settling a tone of v.16 - Explain vs 12
Gift = stresses spiritual & supernatural

- 1 - apostles - no erosion
- 2 - prophet - post-terram
- as pastor = as teacher feeds them
- authority
- Ruin you >
- Robb them >

II - Edifying = Business & training if his dept fell apart while he was gone, they feed him = ought to be able to carry on

Building up the Body = St. Paul's Ep 4:13 - Intro = Growth
an outline of life = figures of Church moral life, development,
growth

Every believer has two ministers = Evangelism & Edification.
Buddy, Body, Bride, Baby, ~~and~~ Seed

Till = Time
we all arrive - 100 strugglers

3 prep. phrases
E's

I. Spiritual unity - not union = ecumenical
two cats - a mess 4:3 = acts = one heart & one
soul = London Blitz & searchlights

This unity is to be experienced in two realms

1- Faith = not doctrine - Trust, Confidence, Commitment
all share common experience of Commitment to X

2- Knowledge = strong word = full, accurate - a
personal acquaintance of Jesus - some knowledge
Paul seeks in Phil 3

3rd unity = next phrase = a perfect MAN, not men

II. Spiritual maturity = a perfect Man =

full grown = the goal, the desired end

3rd - Hammer, Sliers =
Eph 2:10

III. Spiritual conformity - 1:23 = we are
already the fulness, & by the call of D, but we are
to attain this fulness in reality.

This is the climax = we grow out of the other

to be right age to receive the fulness of X = when
this fulness is actually experienced & expressed in &
Thru the Body of Believers!