



Building Up

SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND MATURITY

READ: EPHESIANS 4:1 1-13

So Christ himself gave the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Spiritual Gifts are given to build the Body up! They are not gifts to keep to 'ourselves, they are gifts to help the Body be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Ephesians 4 shows us what maturity looks like. Maturity isn't described as mastering the use of your gift. Maturity isn't defined by being serious. Maturity happens when we allow ourselves to be equipped by other peoples' spiritual gifts. Let me say that again, maturity is receiving well from others to do the things God has called you to do. Did you want unity in the faith? Knowledge of God? Do you want to attain the whole measure and fullness of Christ? The way to do that is to simply allow others to equip you.

**50% of your responsibility is using your gift to build others up.
50% of your responsibility is to learn from others' gifts.**

DISCUSS AS A GROUP

What are common mistakes we make that stop us from receiving from other peoples' gifts?

PRAYER APPLICATION

Let's take a moment to pray together and ask God to give us fresh eyes to receive off others in the Body!