

# EPHESIANS 4:11-16

LESSON 25

## *Gifts For the Saints*

### 1. Ephesians 4:11 – Some Gifts

- a. John 3:16 – God gave his only begotten Son (Christ), but there are other gifts
- b. No, we do not read about the gift of singing, acting, artist, sports, etc.
- c. The gifts listed are not acquired abilities, skills, or how mom thinks you're special
- d. God given talents in Matthew 25 can end with you in hell! (Matt 25:30)
- e. Are you all apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors? Then, what about Eph 4:7?
- f. *"he gave"* – Past tense. Notice the word *"some"* not all – 1 Cor 12:18-31, Rom 12:6-8
- g. *"one hope of your calling"* – yet pastors say they are anointed, specially called, etc.
- h. What is the gift of pastor or teacher? 1Jo 2:27; Luke 12:12 or 2Ti 2:15, 1 Tim 3:1

### 2. Ephesians 4:12 – The Function of the Gifts

- a. The gifts are also different than the snake handling and poison drinking – Mk 16:17-18
- b. The gifts are not given merely for Gods glory (*Chariots of Fire*) Col 3:23
- c. The tendency is for people to be self centered about spiritual gifts, but...
- d. The gifts are given to every man (in the body) to profit – for all to profit – 1 Cor 12:7
- e. 3 functions – Perfecting saints, work of the ministry, edifying the body
- f. Some things are acc. to our will – 1 Cor 7:39; 1 Th 2:12; 2 Th 3:10
- g. The gifts had the function of bringing understanding – 1 Cor 14:3, 14:5, 12, 19-20
- h. Gifts were given because there was something imperfect – 1Cor 13:8-13; Eph 4:12, 1:23
- i. Perfecting = finishing, completing, maturing, equipping – 1Th 3:10; 1Co 1:10; 2Ti 3:17

### 3. Ephesians 4:13-16 – That We May Grow Up

- a. There is something more excellent than the gifts – 1 Cor 12:31; 1 Cor 13:13
- b. You are not limited to one "power" any more, you are fully equipped Eph 6:12-18
- c. "Grace does not work" should be an offense to Christ working in you! Phm 6
- d. When you minister you are using God's gift to you: grace

# The Complete List of Spiritual Gifts in Paul's Epistles

## **1 Corinthians 12:8-11 – Gifts by the Spirit**

1. Word of wisdom
2. Word of knowledge
3. Faith
4. Healing
5. Working of miracles
6. Prophecy
7. Discerning of spirits
8. Divers kinds of tongues
9. Interpretation of tongues

## **1 Corinthians 12:28-30 – God set positions in the church** *(not listed as gifts)*

1. Apostles
2. Prophets
3. Teachers
4. Workers of miracles
5. Healing
6. Helps
7. Governments
8. Diversities of tongues

## **Romans 12:3-8 – Gifts and offices differ; an admonition to humbly do what you can**

1. Prophecy
2. Ministry
3. Teaching
4. Exhorting
5. Giving
6. Ruling
7. Mercy

## **Ephesians 4:11 – God gave these for edification of the saints**

1. Apostles
2. Prophets
3. Evangelists
4. Pastors
5. Teachers