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Equipping

An illustration of a group of stylized, colorful figures (men, women, and children) building a human pyramid. The figures are standing on a brown ground, with their arms raised to support the people above them. The pyramid is composed of several layers, with the top layer consisting of a single figure holding a black cross. The background features large, textured brushstrokes in teal, orange, and grey, and a light grey dotted pattern on the left side.

a study on Ephesians

⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

⁸ This is why it says:

“When He ascended on high, He took many captives and gave gifts to His people.”

⁹ (What does “He ascended” mean except that He also descended to the lower, earthly regions?

¹⁰ He who descended is the very One Who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

¹¹ So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,

¹² to equip His people for works of service, so that the Body of Christ may be built up

Ephesians 4:7-16

13 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.

14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

15 Instead, *speaking the Truth in Love*, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him Who is the head, that is, Christ.

16 From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:7-16

GIFTS for UNITY v.7-10

Each one of us has been given gifts and talents to build up the body!

Each one of us has been given gifts to bring UNITY to the body.

These are GOD given gifts and talents
- Meant to bring “worship” and glory to HIM.

BUILDING the BODY v. 11-13

v.1-6 to v. 7-12 From "One" to "Many"

- One God and Many Giftings

Apostles – Sent One

Prophets – Mouthpiece of God

Evangelists – Gospel Planters

Pastors – Shepherds

Teachers – Study and Share Bible

PURPOSE: to equip His people for works of service, so that the Body of Christ may be built up

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... to equip His people for works of service, so that the Body of Christ may be built up.

- *Equip – “Build up”*
- *“Exercise, Workout, Teach, Train, and Send”*
- *Every person – actively a part of a growing body.*
- *Every person – actively serving and being equipped.*
- *Every person – actively seeking for ways to be more like Christ.*

Love Likewise – Live Likewise

MATURITY and LOVE v. 14-16

Goal – UNITY in Christ

Way – Build one another up in love

How – By speaking TRUTH in LOVE

**Why – So that we are NO LONGER
immature, selfish, fickle, unaccountable
weak “babies.”**

**So that EVERY part of the body is
growing, mature, and strong –
recognizing their part & Christ as Head**

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

- John 13:35

"Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind."

- Philippians 2:2

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to live together in unity

- Psalm 133:1

Live Likewise:

- Look for a new way to use the abilities God has given you to serve in your community or family.
- Seek out and pray for opportunities to build each other up!
- Take a moment to reflect on where you fit in the Body of Christ. In what ways are you serving to make the Body stronger?

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