

# Equipping The Saints

Ephesians 4:11-  
12a Message

**Christ gives spiritually gifted people to His churches to equip all members to do the work of ministry.**

The church leader is “one who helps and encourages all God’s people to discover, develop and exercise their gifts...to enable the people of God to be a servant people, ministering actively but humbly according to their gifts in a world of alienation and pain”

**John Stott, *Ephesians*, p. 167**

# Exhortation to grow together toward unity of the faith (4:7-16)

- Christ gives spiritual gifts to each believer in the church (7-10)
- **Some gifts equip believers to serve for growth, harmony and maturity (11-13)**
- As believers serve one another, the result is stability, love and more growth (14-16)

# Equipping The Saints (Eph 4:11-13)

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Jesus gave certain gifts to equip the saints (11-12a)

*Laid the foundation for the church (Eph 2:20)*

## Apostle

- Official delegate of Jesus Christ
- Delivered the gospel message and other NT truths
- Established and built up the earliest churches

Foundational  
Gifts

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## Prophet

- Received direct revelation of truth from God
  - Foretelling future events
  - Forthtelling (rebuke, call for repentance, encourage, comfort)
- God revealing truth through a spokesman

Foundational  
Gifts

## Evangelist

- Sent out by a church
- Serve within a church
- Gifted at making the gospel message clear to unbelievers and are particularly effective in showing unbelievers their need of a Savior

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## Pastor (shepherd)

- Leaders of people
- Leading
- Feeding
- Guarding
- Protecting
- Caring for the flock

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## Teacher

- Explain and help apply Scripture
- Preaching
- Teaching SS or Bible studies
- Discipling
- Counseling

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# “Equip”

- Setting a broken bone
- Mending fishing nets
- Furnishing a room
  
- Evangelists, pastors and teachers equip all the saints to do the work of the ministry

