

“Gifted by Calling” – Sermon Notes

June 2, 2024 – Ephesians 4:11-16 – series: The Faithful One

Five-Fold Gifting

- **Apostles:** extend Jesus’ kingdom to a new A_____ or C_____
- Tasks:
Acts 15:12-13a & Ephesians 2:20
- **Prophets:** speak or show the T_____ of God to God’s people
- Tasks:
Jeremiah 1:9 & Luke 6:44 & Deuteronomy 18:22
- **Evangelists:** bring people to J_____
- Tasks:
Acts 8:35 & 2 Timothy 4:5 & 2 Corinthians 5:18-21
- **Shepherds:** N_____ the people of God
- Tasks:
1 Peter 5:2-3 & Acts 20:28
- **Teachers:** instruct in Jesus’ T_____ & the rest of God’s Word
- Tasks:
James 3:1 & Titus 1:9 & 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Finding Your Spiritual Gifts:

- Did your **heart sing** when you hear about any of these?
- Are there any **role models in Scripture** that you really appreciate?
- Have you found any of these tasks match up with your **personality or strengths**?
- Which of these gets your **creative juices flowing**?
- Ask a **wise Christian** who knows you.
- Spiritual gift **inventories**: <https://theforgottenways.org/>
<https://myspiritualgifts.com/spiritual-gifts-test/> (free)

Sunday Seconds: “Gifted by Calling” (for small group discussion or personal reflection)

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1. “Growing up into the head” sounds pretty funny. But if you consider how a child normally has a larger head-to-body ratio than an adult, that an adolescent body “catches up” to its head, it’s a visual metaphor for growing up. What is something you learned that made you realize you were maturing?
 2. Through words and actions, the apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, and teachers speak the truth in love (v15). v14 tells us what is prevented and what is the result?
 3. What happens when the truth is not spoken in love? Is it received? What is the unspoken message in that?
 4. Paul taught Titus to teach what in Titus 2:1? What makes a teaching “sound”? (Use a dictionary or other resource to help, if needed.)
 5. v16 conveys an interesting possibility. If the whole body of Christ grows “as each part does its work,” perhaps one reason we stop growing is related to our service. Why might this be?
 6. v16 tells us from Jesus, “the whole body... builds itself up in love.” Who has a part in this work? Do you know God’s part for you in this season of your life?
- ➔ This week, pray for each other to know and exercise each one’s spiritual gifts.