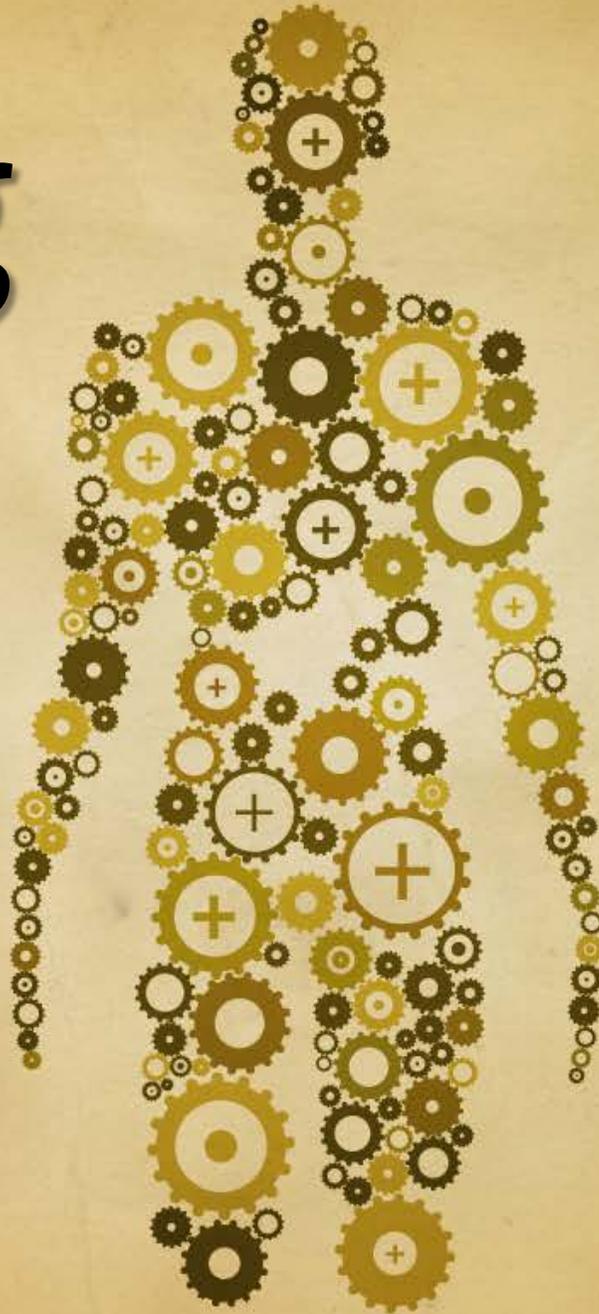


# Equipping the Body



Ephesians  
4:7-16

# 1. IN UNITY THERE IS DIVERSITY OF GIFTS (7-10)



## 2. THE LEADER EQUIPS, THE SAINT MINISTER, THE CHURCH MATURES (11-13)



# 3. MATURITY IS THE APPLICATION OF TRUTH (14-16)



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The gifts to the church are  
gifted people.  
E. Graham



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Christians today do not get their  
spiritual knowledge *immediately*  
from the Holy Spirit, but  
*mediately* through the Spirit  
teaching the Word.

Warren Wiersbe



## 2. THE LEADER EQUIPS, THE SAINT MINISTER, THE CHURCH MATURES (11-13)



But there are people also today  
who have **the gift of  
evangelism**. The fact that a  
believer may not possess this  
gift does not excuse him from  
being burdened for lost souls or  
witnessing to them.

Warren Wiersbe



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# Reasons We Avoid Ministry:

My first ministry is my family

I'm busy with work

I'm burned out

I did that when I was younger

I have my own problems

I don't know where to begin

I don't know how (fear)

I'm not gifted



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My first ministry is my family



**6** And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. **7** You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.



**8** You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

**9** You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates ... **12** then take care lest you forget the LORD...

**Deuteronomy 6:6-12**



<sup>25</sup> Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:25-26



# Reasons We Avoid Ministry: I'm burned out



**9** Do your best to come to me soon. **10** For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me

2Timothy 4:9-10



**21** For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. **22** But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel.

**Philippians 2:21-22**



# Reasons We Avoid Ministry: I'm busy with work



# Reasons We Avoid Ministry: I don't know how (fear)



Differing Types of Ministry:  
Ministry of The Word  
Ministry of Mercy  
Ministry of Service  
Ministry of Evangelism



# Differing Types of Ministry: Ministry of The Word



# Differing Types of Ministry: Ministry of Mercy



# Differing Types of Ministry: Ministry of Service



# Differing Types of Ministry: Ministry of Evangelism



Small Group Purpose:  
Equipping God's people to use  
their gifts as they care for,  
fellowship with, grow along side  
of, and counsel one another

