Equipped for a Life on Jesus’ Mission [Part 2 of 8] 9/25/2022

(Ephesians 4:7, 11-16 ESV)

***7 But \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. ... 11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,*** (Eph. 4:7, 11 ESV)

1. Jesus gave \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with APEST gifting to the church.

I am a gift from Jesus to His church for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ others, helping them mature and accomplishing the Great Commission!

1. What happens when we use our gifting? “five-fold ministry”

v. 12--*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

v. 13--***until we all attain to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the faith and of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ,***

v. 14--\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

v. 15--***Rather, speaking the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in love, we are to grow up in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ way into him who is the head, into Christ,***

v. 16--***from whom the \_\_\_\_\_\_ body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when \_\_\_\_ part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in \_\_\_.***

1. I have all 5, but my top two APEST gifts might be: (check two)
* **A**postle--sent ones, pioneer, entrepreneur, \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_
* **P**rophet--reveals, reforms, disturber, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **E**vangelist--promotes, recruits, messenger, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **S**hepherd--protects, provides, nurtures, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **T**eacher--understands, explains, trains, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
1. How do we discover our gifting?
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that God the Holy Spirit would reveal it to you.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more about the APEST roles/ministries.
4. Explore your potential gifting through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Ask \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what they see in you.
6. Take assessments.

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**Apostle**--additional key words/descriptors: visionary, dreamers, strategic innovator, organizational & cultural architect, church planter, cross-cultural missionaries, connector, influencer; extend the Gospel; push into new territory by bridging barriers; ensure that the faith is transmitted from one context to another & one generation to the next; regional networkers; develop leaders; problem-solvers who create new ways to reach people

Desired social impact:

* A *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* society
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ saturation
* A church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in purpose and mission

Jesus as the perfect Apostle: Jn 3:17; 7:28-29; 20:21; Heb 3:1

Other Biblical examples: Paul (Acts 9:10-16; Ro 15:17-20), Aquila & Priscilla (Acts 18:1-3, 18-19, 26; 1Co 16:19), Peter, John.

Other examples: Steve Jobs, Catherine Booth, Lewis & Clark, Thomas Edison, Captain James T. Kirk/Jean-Luc Picard (Star Trek), Neo (The Matrix), Aragorn (LOTR)

Core questions:

--“Are we leading the people of God to accomplish His purpose?”

--“How can I/we take the Gospel to unreached people groups?

Pitfalls of immature apostles: task-driven at the expense of people; demanding; alienating; start too many new things without what is required to sustain them; run too far, too fast

What apostles need from people with the other gifts? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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My next step: take the Fivefold Ministry Test (online or paper):

<https://fivefoldministry.com/>

Next: A**P**EST--prophet

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