

I Am ... Equipped

Ephesians 4:11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Equip

katartismos - complete furnishing, equipping

Equipped

epichorēgia - a supplying, supply

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

What are we equipped with?

1 Corinthians 12:1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Three revelation gifts—spiritual gifts that reveal something:

WORD OF WISDOM

A word of wisdom is a word, proclamation, or declaration, that is supernaturally given by God. Its purpose is to meet the need of a particular future occasion or problem.

- It is given to a person through words, visions or dreams. It provides understanding and instruction on what action must be taken.
- It is not revealed through human ability or natural wisdom. It is a God's revelation of His plans and purposes.

WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

This communicates past or present facts or events that cannot be known through our natural senses. They are revealed to the speaker by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Their purposes are edification, instruction, or correction.

DISCERNING OF SPIRITS

This is the supernatural recognition of the presence or activity of spiritual forces, either good or evil.

Three power gifts—spiritual gifts that do something

- The gift of faith
- The working of miracles
- The gifts of healings

Three utterance or inspirational gifts—spiritual gifts that say something:

- Prophecy
- Divers (different) kinds of tongues
- Interpretation of tongues

Hebrews 13:20 Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, 21 equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.