

Equipping a Generation on Purpose series pt1

The Purpose for Equipping

Ephesians 4:11-13



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- **Main Text** – Eph 4:11-13 (KJV)

*And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
¹² For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: ¹³ Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ*

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- **For Perfecting of the Saint**

That which is perfect means:

- *That which is complete —which contains all the requisite parts*
- *That which has attained its purpose*
- *That which is so good that nothing of the kind could be better*

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- For The Work of Ministry
- Perfection (above) makes us qualified for the “Work of Ministry”

‘Work’ describes an ongoing activity

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- **For The Work of Ministry**

Ministry involves preparing others to minister or serve effectively

- It Includes:
 - **Purpose** – What I am called to do that will effect change in the life of others
 - **Serving** – *table waiter*; Benefitting the life of others through your gift of service
 - **Discipling** – Mentoring, Teaching, leading while showing others how to discover and obey Christ for themselves

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Edifying of the Body of Christ

Edifying includes the construction of something with the focus on:

- The Process (what steps are taken to build)
- The Results (making sure the process is effective)

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The 5-fold team is given the responsibility:

- to equip/empower God's people
- to qualify God's people for ministry
- to edify/build up God's people

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- **RESPONSIBLY FOR EQUIPPING**

- **To Equip:** is to **empower or establish with the necessary resources** to achieve purpose & Kingdom service
- **To Qualify:** is to make **functional for ministry service** (fully adequate)
- **To Edify:** is the **process involved** to strengthen, build up or encourage

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- **Apostle - Acts 2:42-43/Acts 6:5-6/Acts 8:14**

Equips: *by establishing a solid Biblical foundation/structure*

Qualifies: *by imparting & displaying spiritual gifts*

Edifies: *by birthing/establishing new ministry, mentoring/discipling, strengthening/encouraging, new or inexperience leaders*

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- **RESPONSIBLY FOR EQUIPPING**

Prophet - Acts 13:1-2

Equips: *by providing divine revelation of God's vision/direction for them*

Qualifies: *through prophetic guidance, wisdom, instructions*

Edifies: *through the process of prophetic exhortation*

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- **RESPONSIBLY FOR EQUIPPING**

Evangelist -2 Tim 4:5/1Thes 3:2

Equips: *by depositing a true Gospel Message of deliverance to those in bondage*

Qualifies: *a ministry by discipling & teaching others to obey all that God commands*

Edifies: *by making disciples who will make disciples*

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- **RESPONSIBLY FOR EQUIPPING**

Pastor – Jer 3:15

Equips: *by providing sound biblical messages, teachings & guidance*

Qualifies: *by creating an environment that nurtures, heals, loves & restores the whole man for ministry to others who are broken or lost*

Edifies: *by establishing solid teachings & training process that helps mature its members*

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Teacher – Col 1:28

Equips: by providing sound biblical doctrine

Qualifies: by creating opportunity for people to get in-depth teaching & training in selected areas of concentration from the Word of God

Edifies: by teaching & training others to revere and preserve the integrity of the Gospel in order to pass it on to the next generation

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I. THE EXPECTED RESULTS OF EQUIPPING – vs 13

- Unity of faith/conviction
- Personal recognition/Acquaintance of Jesus. Encounter
- Perfection: lacking in nothing, having what is needed
- Becoming as mature as Christ was

