

# Segment 9: The Roots of Ministry - Scriptures

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>4</sup>There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. <sup>5</sup>There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. <sup>6</sup>God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

<sup>7</sup>A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. <sup>8</sup>To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice<sup>[a]</sup>; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>9</sup>The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. <sup>10</sup>He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages,<sup>[c]</sup> while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. <sup>11</sup>It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

Ephesians 4:1-16 New Living Translation (NLT)

## Unity in the Body

**4** Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. <sup>2</sup>Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. <sup>3</sup>Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. <sup>4</sup>For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.

<sup>5</sup>There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
<sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all,  
who is over all, in all, and living through all.

<sup>7</sup>However, he has given each one of us a special gift<sup>[a]</sup> through the generosity of Christ. <sup>8</sup>That is why the Scriptures say,

"When he ascended to the heights,  
he led a crowd of captives  
and gave gifts to his people."<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>9</sup>Notice that it says "he ascended." This clearly means that Christ also descended to our lowly world.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>10</sup>And the same one who descended is the one who ascended higher than all the heavens, so that he might fill the entire universe with himself.

<sup>11</sup>Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. <sup>12</sup>Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. <sup>13</sup>This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

<sup>14</sup>Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. <sup>15</sup>Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. <sup>16</sup>He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Romans 12 New Living Translation (NLT)

## A Living Sacrifice to God

**12** And so, dear brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>2</sup>Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>Because of the privilege and authority<sup>[c]</sup> God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>4</sup>Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, <sup>5</sup>so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

<sup>6</sup>In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. <sup>7</sup>If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. <sup>8</sup>If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

<sup>9</sup>Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love each other with genuine affection,<sup>[e]</sup> and take delight in honoring each other. <sup>11</sup>Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.<sup>[f]</sup> <sup>12</sup>Rejoice

in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. <sup>13</sup>When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. <sup>15</sup>Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!

<sup>17</sup>Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. <sup>18</sup>Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

<sup>19</sup>Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say,

"I will take revenge;  
I will pay them back,"<sup>[a]</sup>  
says the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>Instead,

"If your enemies are hungry, feed them.

If they are thirsty, give them something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap

burning coals of shame on their heads."<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>21</sup>Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

**Luke 22:27**New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>27</sup>Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves.