



God has More - Spiritual Gifts

Ephesians 4

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God's goal – our maturity

- To know the Father (1:17; 3:18,19)
- To know our hope (1:18)
- To know his power (1:19; 3:16)
- To be united with Christ (3:17)



God's goal – our maturity

- Changed behaviour
- Transformed attitudes
- Reshaped character





God's method - Spiritual gifts

Ephesians 4:7

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

1 Corinthians 12:7

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.



God's method - Spiritual gifts

Romans 12:3

...in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

1 Peter 4:10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.



God's method - Spiritual gifts

Different language
Different lists

? Representative rather than
comprehensive



God's method - Spiritual gifts

Sometimes abilities

Sometimes people



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evangelists, the pastors
and teachers,

Ephesians 4:11–13



So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11–13

