

**Series: "WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?"**  
**Part 7: "UNITED WE SERVE"**  
**Crossroads Community Church**  
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<sup>8</sup> This is why it says:

"When he ascended on high,  
 he took many captives  
 and gave gifts to his people."

<sup>9</sup> (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) <sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> 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 4:7-13 (NIV)

**Two Truths:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ is How We Build Unity
- \_\_\_\_\_ are How We Go Farther

**3 Steps to Maximize Your Impact:**

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Ephesians 4:7 (NIV)

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ your Spiritual Gift**

- The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Gifting is Determined by Jesus
- Gifts are a Sign of Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_

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Ephesians 4:8 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service,  
 Ephesians 4:11-12a (NIV)

➤ You will Discover your gift as you \_\_\_\_\_

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Ephesians 4:12 (NIV)

**2. Use Your Gifts to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:13-16 (NIV)

**3. Use Your Gifts to \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

**4 Marks of Maturity:**

- Stability in \_\_\_\_\_
- Speaking the \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**What's Your Next Step to Discover and Use Your Spiritual Gift?**

**Additional Resources on Spiritual Gifts:**

Gifts Passages: Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4, 1 Peter 4

Your Divine Design, Chip Ingram

S.H.A.P.E.: Finding and Fulfilling Your Unique Purpose in Life, Eric Rees

