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Ephesians | Efexaus 4:11-16





# Ephesians

*The Church was Built to Move Forward*



# EPHESIANS | EFEXAUS 4:11-16 ○○○○

**11-**It was he who “gave gifts to people”; he appointed some to be apostles, others to be prophets, others to be evangelists, others to be pastors and teachers.

**12-**He did this to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian service, in order to build up the body of Christ.

# EPHESIANS | EFEXAUS 4:11-16 ○○○○

**13-**And so we shall all come together to that oneness in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God; we shall become mature people, reaching to the very height of Christ's full stature.

**14-**Then we shall no longer be children, carried by the waves and blown about by every shifting wind of the teaching of deceitful people, who lead others into error by the tricks they invent.

# EPHESIANS | EFEXAUS 4:11-16 ○○○○

**15-** Instead, by speaking the truth in a spirit of love, we must grow up in every way to Christ, who is the head.

**16-** Under his control all the different parts of the body fit together, and the whole body is held together by every joint with which it is provided. So when each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows and builds itself up through love.

# EPHESIANS | EFEXAUS 4:11-16

**11-**Nws yog tus uas pub khoomplig rau neeg, Nws tsa qeeleej ua cov timthawj, qeeleej ua cov xibhwb cev Vajtswv lus, qeeleej ua cov coj Txoj Moo Zoo mus qhia rau lwmtus, qeeleej ua cov xibhwb saib cov ntseeg thiab ua cov uas qhia lawv.

**12-**Nws ua li ntawd twb yog Nws npaj kom txhua tus uas yog Vajtswv cov neeg paub ua Vajtswv tes haujlwm, kom Yexus Khetos lub cev thiaj txawj lojhlob

## EPHESIANS | EFEXAUS 4:11-16 ○○○○

**13-**mus txog qhov uas peb sawvdaws ua tau ib lub siab nyob rau hauv txoj kev ntseeg, peb paub tseeb txog Vajtswv tus Tub, peb dhau mus ua ib co neeg uas ruaj-khov rau sab kev ntseeg, thiab ua tau lub neej zooli Khetos lub.

**14-**Thaum ntawd peb yuav tsis zooli tej menyuam yaus, yuav tsis raug cua muab ntsawj mus ntsawj los uas yog cov neeg dag-ntxias tej lus qhia; lawv ua rau lwmtus yuamkev los ntawm lawv tej lus haub-ntxias ntawd.

## EPHESIANS | EFEXAUS 4:11-16 ○○○○

**15-** Peb tsis txhob ua li ntawd, peb yuavtsum haislus tseeb vim peb muaj kev hlub, peb yuavtsum lojhlob txhua fab rau ntawm Khetos, tus uas yog lub taubhau.

**16-** Nws yog tus uas kav tagnrho lub cev tej tes taw thiab tej siab-ntsws. Txhua yam thiaj los sibtxuas uake, thiab tagnrho lub cev thiaj muaj tej ya txha thiab leeg los tuav. Yogli ntawd, thaum txhua yam ntawm lub cev nyias ua nyias tes haujlwm thiab sibhlub sibpab, ces lub cev yuav lojhlob khovkho.

# GIFTED BY CHRIST

Yexus yog tus pub khoomplig rau peb

## Ephesians 4:11-12

“And He gave... to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.”



## » equip

to prepare, restore,  
and make ready.

- You were not saved just to sit under ministry.
- You were saved to **carry ministry**

# APPLICATION:

- **Stop comparing—start discovering**  
Your gift was never meant to look like someone else's.
- **Move from spectatorship to service**  
You don't need a title to serve—only obedience.
- **Submit to equipping**  
Growth requires humility. Receive correction without offense.

*You are called to **serve!***

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# EVERY PART MATTERS

Txhua tus yeej muaj nuj nqi

**Ephesians 4:15-16**

“...when **each part** is working properly, makes the body grow....”



» **function**

**1 Corinthians 12:18**

*“God arranged the members... just as He wanted them.”*

*...Vajtswv yeej tsim kom muaj txhua-txhua yam nyob rau ntawm lub cev rawsli Vajtswv pomzoo.*

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# » gifting **vs** function

- Gifting is what Christ gives you.
- Function is about faithful participation.
- Gifting is your **potential**.
- Function is your **practice**.
- Gifting shows what you **could** do.
- Function shows what you **are doing**.
- Your gifting reveals **why** you belong.
- Your function proves **that** you belong.



# GROW UP IN CHRIST

Loj hlob hauv Tswv Yexus

## Ephesians 4:13-14

“...to mature manhood... so that we may no longer be children...”



## » maturity

Spiritual immaturity leaves believers vulnerable—easily offended, discouraged, and distracted.



# APPLICATION:

- **Own your spiritual growth**  
Read the Word regularly. Pray intentionally. Apply truth, don't just admire it.
- **Respond maturely to challenges**  
Choose forgiveness over offense. Humility over pride. Obedience over comfort.
- **Invest in spiritual discipline**  
Discipline is not restriction—it is freedom.

*I choose growth, stability, and maturity in Christ.*



# SERVE WITH LOVE

Ua haujlwm nrog kev hlub

**Ephesians 4:16**

“...builds itself up in love.”



## » maturity

Love is the atmosphere where the church thrives.

- Without love, service becomes obligation.
- With love, service becomes joy.



# APPLICATION:

- **Check your motivation**  
Serve to glorify God, not gain recognition.  
Serve from love, not obligation.
- **Guard unity intentionally**  
Refuse gossip. Extend grace. Choose reconciliation quickly.
- **Serve with endurance**  
Love sustains long-term faithfulness—even when it's costly.

# THIS IS YOUR ASSIGNMENT » flourishing

Ntawm no yog koj txoj haujlwm

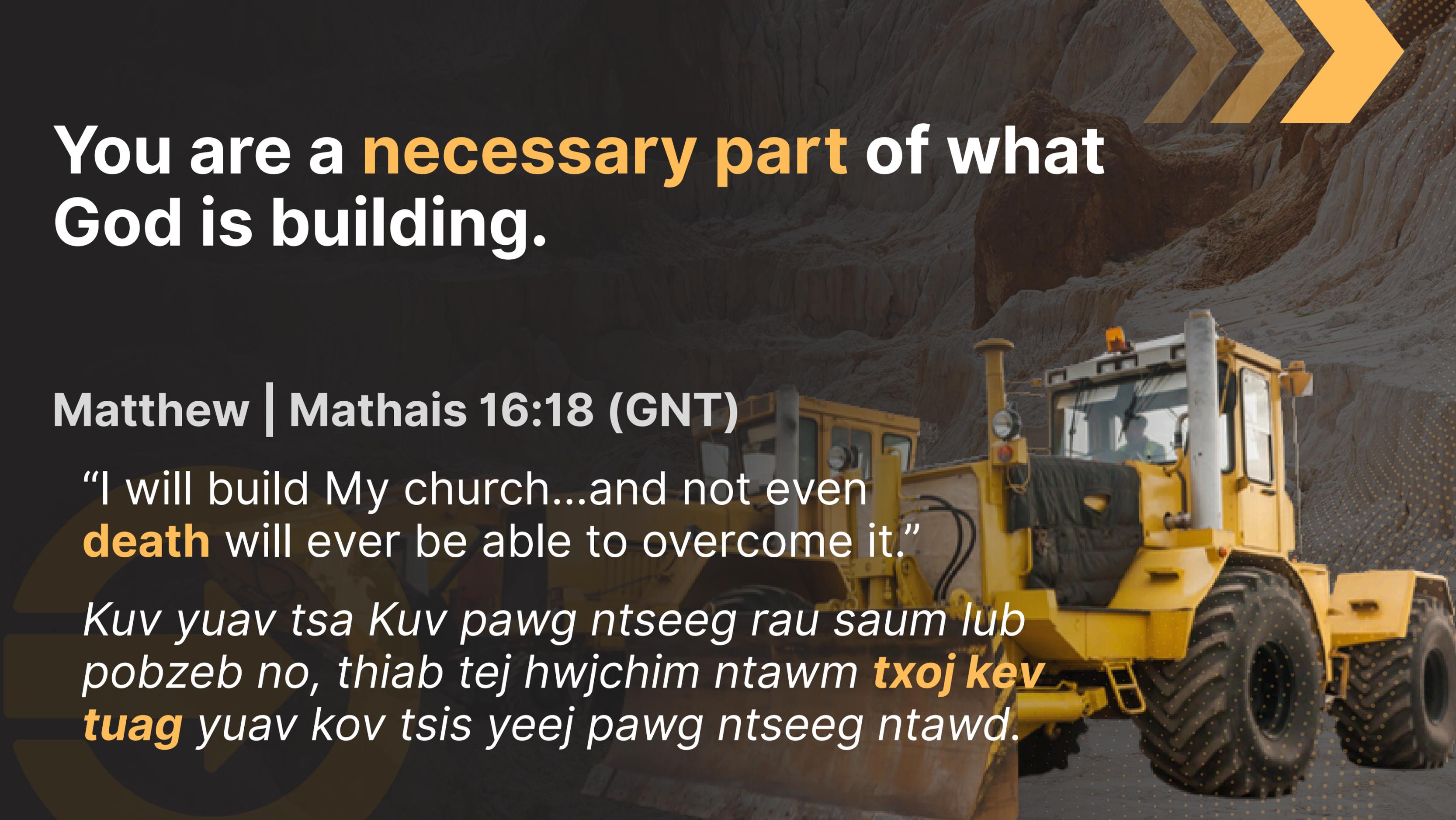
## Psalm 92:13

“Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall **flourish**.”

*Lawv zoo li cov ntoo uas cog  
hauv tus TSWV lub tsev uas  
**lojhlob mosnyoos** nyob hauv  
peb tus Vajtswv lub  
Tuamtsev,*

- to sprout, to blossom, to break forth with life, and to thrive overtime.
- Alive, not just surviving
- Rooted, not drifting
- Productive, not stagnant





You are a **necessary part** of what  
God is building.

Matthew | Mathais 16:18 (GNT)

“I will build My church...and not even  
**death** will ever be able to overcome it.”

*Kuv yuav tsa Kuv pawg ntseeg rau saum lub  
pobzeb no, thiab tej hwjchim ntawm **txoj kev**  
**tuag** yuav kov tsis yeej pawg ntseeg ntawd.*



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