





Vision? What Mission? How Purpose? Why

The mission was the thing they needed to apply as a UNIT.

Each player had to maintain a balance between personal conduct(position) and responsibility to the larger team to fulfill the mission.

Discipleship path(our how) of Shofar Table View

Connect - Grow - Love

Connect with God and People

Church services and small group

Grow in identity, calling and Christlikeness

Intercession, Bible School, Men's Monday, Women @ Well, One on One Pastoring, Accountability, Healing, Counselling

Love our worlds

Serving Sundays, Tithing and Giving, Mercy Ministries, Impacting your world, Leadership Roles, Loving your neighbour, Making disciples

How do we relate to God and one another?



How does God want us to relate to one another



Eph 4:1-6 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

How does God want us to relate to one another?

1. Fostering/Nurture Unity (Eph 4:1-6):

Paul urges believers to live in a manner worthy of their calling.

This involves maintaining a balance between personal conduct and responsibility to the larger body of believers.

You fulfill your calling in humility, gentleness, and patience are highlighted as essential virtues fostering unity. These virtues are primarily relational.

The foundation of our unity as believers in the body of Christ.

One body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all.

Our unity does not lie in our upbringing, our tax bracket, our hobbies, our education, our age, our past, our vices or our responsibilities.



Eph 4:7,11-16

But(<u>Despite that unity that should govern your relationships</u>) grace(<u>the ability</u> <u>to perform the task God has called us to</u>) was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love

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2. Preservation/Maintaining of Unity (4:7-16)

contributing to the growth of the body in love

Distribution of Gifts (4:7-11): Christ, after ascending, gave various gifts to all individuals within the church, including apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. These gifts are intended to edify the body. **Purpose of Gifts (4:12-16):** The purpose of these gifted individuals is to prepare God's people for works of service, promoting stability doctrinally and practically. The ultimate goal is the unity of faith, maturity, and conformity to Christ. Believers are encouraged to speak the truth in love,

Paul emphasized body growth(maturity), not self-growth. Each individual contributes to this unified growth as he allows his particular gift(s) to function

Foster Unity

Walk out your calling personally and corporately in humility, gentleness, and patience, governed by love. We are united by one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God.

Maintain Unity

We serve the body with our diverse gifts to build up the body and we submit to the offices in the body so that we may become mature

What is a spiritual gift?

A spiritual gift is a special ability given by the Holy Spirit to a believer. These gifts are for the purpose of serving others and building up the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12

Word of wisdom, Word of knowledge, Faith, Gifts of healing, Miraculous powers, Prophecy, Distinguishing between spirits, Speaking in different kinds of tongues, Interpretation of tongues, Miracles, Help, Administration

Romans 12

Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Encouraging, Giving, Leadership, Showing mercy

1 Peter 4

Speaking, Serving, General exhortation

We receive these gifts upon salvation, but this is not an exhaustive list. Paul speaks of the gift of singleness, Bezalel and Oholiab became artisans.



What is a spiritual office?

An office in this context refers to a specific role or position of leadership and responsibility within the church. Offices are often seen as leadership roles appointed by God and recognized by the body.

Ephesians 4

Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers

Danger if we neglect these gifts

We continue to be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

The body will struggle to grow into the fullness of Christ We will inhibit this church's ability to **ARISE and SHINE!**



How do we find our spiritual gifts?

Spiritual gifts are given to build the body of Christ, we find them by getting involved and serving. As we serve, it becomes clear what our gifts are.

1 Cor 14:4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

They typically edify the person using them, even as a person speaking in tongues edifies himself.

The gifts will build others up, as prophecy was said to edify the church. Ask someone who is walking in their gifting to pray with you so that the Holy Spirit will direct you.



Prayer Ministry

Do you have a why?

Matt 20:28 the Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve

Would you like to know?

Eph 4:7 grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift

Do you desire more gifts?

1 Cor 12:31 eagerly desire the greater gifts

How do we partner with you

2 Tim 1:6 fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands

PRAMER



ARISE, SHINE

YOUR LIGHT HAS COME