

The Year of Sowing

Prayer Guide

Week 48

The Year of Sowing – The Gifts of the Spirit – Functioning Gifts, Healthy Body

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.

Ephesians 4:16 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Just as in the human body, when all parts are functioning as they were intended to function, the body is healthy. Paul is teaching here in Ephesians 4, that the health of the Body of Christ depends on each member functioning in his or her proper role. The goal of the working of the gifts of the Spirit is that the Church might become mature, stable and become like Christ. Paul also states in Ephesians 4, that the goal of the working of the gifts of the Spirit is that the Body of Christ might be mature and stable, not blown here and there with various winds of doctrines (vs. 14). The remedy for this instability is the gifts of the Spirit at work to bring the Body of Christ into a unity of faith, and a knowledge of the Son of God (vs. 13). The knowledge of the Son of God is an intimate understanding of all that Christ did for us in his death, resurrection, and ascension. God's desire is that the Church might grow in this knowledge of the Son of God until we come to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. In other words, that we will become all that Christ has destined for us to become in Christ. This will happen when every member is knit together with the others and every part does its share so that the Body of Christ will grow. This happens in the atmosphere of mutual love (vs. 16). These are wonderful goals that God has for us, but as in many cases, it is dependent upon us doing our part. Find the spiritual gifts that God wants you to use, let Him teach you how to use them with an attitude of love for other members of the Church, and together we will grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, and in maturity to represent Him on this earth until He returns.

Day 1: Take time today to worship the Lord for His desires for us to be mature and stable in our faith.

Day 2: Thank the Lord for His desire that we would all grow into the fullness of Christ, all He has for us.

Day 3: Pray for the stability, maturity, and unity of your local church according to Ephesians 4.

Day 4: Pray for the Holy Spirit to teach your members how to minister to one another in the atmosphere of the love of God.

Day 5: Pray for the members of your church to grow in their knowledge of the Son of God.

Day 6: Pray all of these things in Ephesians 4, in the churches across your city in unity.

Day 7: Pray for the workers that are needed on the mission field to each these truths to the churches.