

Eph 4:7-16 Instruction Manual

GOD'S BLUEPRINT FOR BUILDING A PEOPLE IN HIS IMAGE

■ Tools: g _____

—d _____ your gifting

—c _____ it as a fruit of Christ's conquest

■ Training: e _____

—don't promote l _____; let them promote all as m _____

—let leaders r _____ your competence

■ Truth: l _____

—don't stop learning until we are all u _____ and are m _____ like Jesus

—d _____ truth (from error) so you can speak it in l _____

■ Team: b _____

—learn to g _____ ministry and to r _____ it

—d _____ on Christ for what you give and what you receive

7 But, to each one of us, grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 That's why it says [in Ps 68], "*When He ascended on high He led captive a host of captives; He gave gifts to men.*" 9 (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is the same one who also ascended far beyond all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) 11 And it is He who gave the apostles, and the prophets, and the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up Christ's body, 13 until we attain—all of us—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 Christ's fullness, 14 so that we may no longer be infants, tossed back and forth and pushed around by every gust of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes, 15 but instead, as we express truth in love, we may grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, 16 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. ♦