

A Call to Action
The Integrity Partnership Pt 4
Ephes. 4: 7-13
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1) My calling is both common and unique.

Ephes. 4:1 (NLT) Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.

2) My calling is actionable.

Ephes. 4:7 (NLT) However, he has given each one of us a special gift according to the generosity of Christ.

What does that gift look like?

Purpose? Plan? Strengths?
Spiritual Gifts? Passion? Personality? Pathway?

3) My calling is divinely designed.

Ephes. 4:8 (NLT) That is why the Scriptures say, "When he ascended to the heights, he led a crowd of captives and gave gifts to his people."

Ephes. 4:9-10 (NLT) Notice that it says "he ascended." This means that Christ first came down to the lowly world in which we live. [10] The same one who came down is the one who ascended higher than all the heavens, so that his rule might fill the entire universe.

4) The gifting is the work of the Holy Spirit.

Ephes. 4:11-12 (NLT) He is the one who gave these gifts to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. [12] Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ,

1 Cor. 12:11 (NLT) It is the one and only Holy Spirit who distributes these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

5) The role of the 'equippers': to help Christ Followers....

- a) discover,
- b) develop, and
- c) deploy their gifts.

1 Cor. 12:12 (NLT) The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up only one body. So it is with the body of Christ.

6) God's desired result: Spiritual Maturity.

Ephes. 4:13 (NLT) until we come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature and full grown in the Lord, measuring up to the full stature of Christ.

What does a 'full grown' Christ-follower look like?

**Challenge: What are you doing with your equipping?
What will You do with your equipping?**