

New Life

Give:

To put into the possession of
another for his or her use

To hand over

#1

“but God...”

#2

“God gives/gave...”

Ephesians 4:11-12a

It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service...

Prepare:

Mend – Restore – Strengthen

Why? Because we need to be mended,
restored, and strengthened

For works of service

Works:
Energizing

Service:
Carrying out the commands of another

Vs 12b-13

...so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

God give us apostles, prophets, evangelists,
pastors and teachers to assist us in becoming
people

- who are being mended, restored, and strengthened
- who will carry out the commands of God
- who are being built up
- who are growing in Christ
- who are like Christ in the here and now

Vs 14-16

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.

Vs 14-16

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Then

- Growing Christ
- Unwavering in faith
- Dispensing love and truth
- Working together

So in part the job of the apostles,
prophets, evangelists, pastors, and
teachers is to be active in mending,
restoring, strengthening, empowering,
motivating, building, growing,
stabilizing, inspiring, and moving
people

Some of us are: apostles, prophets,
evangelists, pastors, and teachers

Perhaps at different times each of us
fills one of those calls

So where is the beginning?

The apostles, prophets, evangelists,
pastors, and teachers must love God
and thus love people

The apostles, prophets, evangelists,
pastors, and teachers must pray, love,
and speak truth

The apostles, prophets, evangelists,
pastors, and teachers must help in the
increase of our BQ

Like IQ or EQ

Quotient:
a particular degree or amount of
something

Bible Quotient

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Psalm 119:133

Direct my footsteps according to your
Word; let no sin rule over me.

Psalm 119:45

I will walk about in freedom, for I have
sought out your Precepts.

Psalm 119:89

Your Word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands
firm in the heavens.

Psalm 119:96

To all perfection I see a limit; but your
Commands are boundless.

Psalm 119:105

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light
for my path.

Psalm 119:130

The unfolding of your Words gives light; it
gives understanding to the simple.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

As you spend time in the Word ask
these four questions

These questions will increase our BQ

#1

What is the passage saying about God?

- ✓ What are the characteristics of God that are being revealed?
- ✓ What name of God is being used?
 - ✓ What is He doing?

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

#2

What is the passage saying about you/us,
mankind?

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

#3

What is the passage saying to do?

Promise

Command

Invitation

Praise

Correction

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

#4

What is the passage saying to avoid?

Romans 12:2

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-- His good, pleasing and perfect will.