

Pastor-Teachers in the Life of the Church

Ephesians 4:7-16

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A Brief Sketch of Verses 7-16:

1. Jesus has gifted each person;
2. Jesus appoints a few to be leaders;
3. Jesus commands them to be humble;
4. Jesus uses them to equip others;
5. Jesus uses all to build up the church until we reach the fullness of Christ!

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Two Illustrative Stories:

- Story Number One: Charismatic Chaos
- Story Number Two: Leadership Trumps the Word of God
 - *It's not a matter of leadership or teaching, it's a matter of leadership by teaching.*

Isaiah 50:4-5

“The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.”

Jeremiah 31:14

“I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, declares the LORD.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 4:1-5

“I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”