

### 2 Minute Intro

- 5 gifts that come directly from Jesus – Ephesians 4: “He gave” ... “He Himself gave”
- 4 purposes of Jesus’ gifts: 1) Equip saints for works of ministry (v12). 2) Build the body of Christ (v12). 3) Mature believers in unity of faith, knowing Jesus, and spiritual growth (13-15). 4) Self growth of the Body as each one develops a proper understanding and their function as they serve
- Everyone has a call – Everyone’s not sent – Being sent means you’ve been through a process that qualifies you to have authority to function in your call?

### 3 Things You Need to Develop to Fulfill Your Call

- 1. Relationship:** Acts 9:1-9 (Paul is called) – Acts 9:10-19 (initial relationship) – Acts 9:26-30 (relationship)
  - You minister during the process because you’re saints and all saints are ministers
  - Society hires for a position, gives authority, hopes for responsibility, trust, and relationship
  - Church: start with relationship, learn to trust/not, give responsibility, give position, God gives authority
  - Proverbs 27:17, “As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend”
- 2. Stewardship** – Acts 11:27
  - Their first task given to them by the elders of the church – to carry money from 1 place to another
  - They were considered teachers at the time, and they told them to stay and teach the people (1 yr)
  - Stewardship is a proof of character, integrity, intelligence, understanding, and discipline
  - When I got married, I had Brenna’s tithe checked – When Joy gets married, Ill do the same
  - Money is one of the easiest things to steward – it’s dollars and sense –  $2+2=4$  – Make \$5 spend \$4
  - Money, Time, Energy – Money: get more as age – Time: same (unless more \$) – Energy: less as you age
- 3. Leadership**
  - Acts 13:2-4
  - The leadership sent them, so they were “sent by the Holy Spirit”
  - It is important that you are committed to your church – in relationship, stewardship, & leadership
  - The preeminent apostle of the NT was committed to the local church
  - He was committed to the leadership of the church, and bc he was sent by leadership, was sent by HS
  - God wants to send you somewhere, to do something that will minister to someone – but do you have the character to support the calling, anointing, and authority of God
  - The place where God prepares you and proves you is the Church (Ephesians 4)