

ILLUMINATE

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BULBS ON!

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Ephesians 4:7-13

vs 7: But to each one of us GRACE has been GIVEN as Christ APPORTIONED it.

Jesus is radically generous towards us with respect to grace and gifts.

vs 8 - 10: This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and GAVE GIFTS to men." (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

Jesus' generosity isn't what we'd expect. It still surprises us.

vs 11: It was he who GAVE some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, [12a] to prepare God's people for works of service,

Jesus' generosity provides leaders that prepare and release the body to serve.

vs 12b: ...so that the body of Christ may be built up

Our generosity with grace and gifts builds up the body of Christ, but our hoarding of grace and gifts will tear the body down.

vs 13: (so that) 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.

The generosity of Christ compounds.

What am I GENEROUS with?

(think gifts, abilities, talents, people)

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

What do I HOARD?

(think gifts, abilities, talents, people)

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____