

1 Corinthians 13: 13 Three things will last forever – faith, hope, and love – and the greatest of these is love.

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| <p>Bible Study: October 14, 2018</p> <p><i>Each One A Minister</i> Using God's Gifts FOR Ministry By: William J. Carter</p> | |
| <p>Reconciling people to HIM.</p> | <p>2 Corinthians 5: 18 And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.</p> |
| <p>Session 4 (GIFTED);Part 2 (Start on page 24):</p> <p>UNITY</p> | <p>Unity does not mean continuity, it means solidarity within diversity.</p> <p>We all do different things within a single mission. Oneness is of the overall purpose, not the details.</p> |
| <p>GIFTED</p> | <p>Individual gifts are for use for the good of the Body.</p> <p>Proper use of gifts: build up fellowship, the service, the worship, the stewardship of the whole congregation and community.</p> <p>The gifts are activated as God calls us to be in ministry.</p> <p>So, the gifts must be coupled with the call to become effective in the body.</p> <p>Love is the best way, and may be the only way, in which the potential of the gifts can be fully realized within the Body.</p> <p>The gifts are always practiced in love and always express the love that God brought to us in Christ.</p> |
| <p>MINISTER</p> | <p>The purpose of individual gifts is enablement of ministry.</p> <p>Ministry must be based on the gifts, rather than the gifts forced to fit the ministry defined by a council or denomination.</p> <p>We are ministers who are answering the call of God.</p> <p>Out of response to these calls comes the mission of the church.</p> |
| <p>Gifted & Discipleship</p> | <p>The New Testament speaks of making disciples as the primary task of the Body. Some have interpreted this as evangelism, but discipleship is infinitely greater than evangelism.</p> <p>Discipleship includes the whole range of avenues of preparing people to serve God.</p> |
| <p>New Life</p> | <p>2 Corinthians 5:17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!</p> |