



THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT

Text: Ephesians 4:1-16

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Introduction: Have you ever entered a game and learned all too late that you were ill equipped? Romans 12:4-16 and I Corinthians 12:12-31 encourage us to get in the game, but Ephesians 4:1-16 tells us that we need to be equipped. Are you using the right equipment?

Discussion:

I. Equip Yourself With Knowledge

- A. ONE GOD = ONE LORD, ONE SAVIOR, AND ONE SPIRIT
Ephesians 4:3-6
- B. ONE BODY = THE CHURCH
Romans 12:4-8, I Corinthians 12:12-26,
Ephesians 4:13
- C. ONE PURPOSE = TEACH & EDIFY
I Corinthians 12:27-31
- D. ONE FELLOWSHIP = UNITY
Romans 12:4-5, I Corinthians 12:27,
Ephesians 4:3, 13
- E. ONE VALUE = ALL ARE SPECIAL
I Corinthians 12:14-22, Ephesians 4:12-13
- F. ONE FAITH = ALL CAN BELIEVE
Romans 12:13, Ephesians 4:5
- G. ONE BAPTISM = ALL ARE SAVED
Romans 12:13, Ephesians 4:5

II. Equip Yourself With Maturity

- A. WE SEEK COMMON GRACES
Romans 12:4-10, I Corinthians 12:12
Ephesians 3:14-19, 4:2, 15-16
- B. WE PERFORM COMMON DUTIES
Romans 12:9-16, I Corinthians 12:21-26
- C. WE HAVE COMMON GOALS
I Corinthians 12:18, I Corinthians 13:1-13

III. Equip Yourself With Purpose

- A. ONE BODY = MANY MEMBERS
Romans 12:4-5, I Corinthians 12:4-21
- B. MANY MEMBERS = DIFFERENT GIFTS
Romans 12:6, I Corinthians 12:7-11,
Ephesians 4:7
- C. DIFFERENT GIFTS = DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS
Romans 12:4, Ephesians 4:11-13
- D. DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS = DIFFERENT WORKS
Romans 12:6-8, I Corinthians 12:4-6
Ephesians 4:11-13
- E. DIFFERENT WORKS = EVERYONE IS IMPORTANT
Ephesians 4:16, I Corinthians 12:7, 25

IV. Equip Yourself With Focus

- A. CHRISTIAN SERVICE
Acts 2:3, Romans 12, I Corinthians 12:4-6, 11,
Ephesians 4:7, Hebrews 2:4, I Peter 4
- B. MINISTRY MOMENTS
Romans 11:29, I Corinthians 9:16,
Ephesians 4:12, Philippians 4:15,
Titus 2:14, 3:1-14
- C. PERSONAL INVENTORY
I Corinthians 12:12-13, 18, Ephesians 4:16
- D. GET CONNECTED
I Corinthians 12:12-13, Ephesians 4:16,
I Peter 4:10, Hebrews 10:24-25

Conclusion: Are you properly equipped? Are you ready to get in the game? Are you ready to win?

WORD OF THE DAY = "Equip"