

Ephesians 4:7-16
“He Gave Gifts to Men!”
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I. God will raise up elders and deacons.

- A. Jesus gave gifts when he rose from the dead.
- B. Gifts include men (Mt. 23:34; Lk. 10:2; 12:42-43)
- C. We are to pray for these laborers. (Lk. 10:2)

II. God will equip elders and deacons.

- A. Equipped to equip (Eph. 4:12)
- B. Ministry will be effective (1 Tim. 4:11-16)
- C. Equipped to testify (Lk. 12:12)
- D. Equipped to deal with problems in the church (2 Tim. 3:1-17; Acts 20:29-30).

III. God will not abandon his elders and deacons.

- A. God will never leave you or forsake you! (Heb. 13:4-6)
- B. Jesus Christ is the same forever. (Heb. 13:7-8)
- C. Paul’s example. (2 Tim. 4:9-18)

IV. God will reward his elders and deacons.

- A. Jesus will return and reward his servants. (Lk. 12:42-48)
- B. Confusion will be sorted out, lies exposed. (1 Tim. 5:24-25; Lk. 12:1-3)
- C. Unsung, untold good works will be praised. (1 Tim. 5:25)
- D. Deacons will be rewarded. (1 Tim. 3:13)
- E. A crown for good shepherds (1 Pt. 5:4; 2 Tim. 4:8)