

CrossWinds Church - EFCA

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Why should I insist on serving at church?

1. Christ gave me the gifts that he knows my church needs.

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Ephesians 4:7 (ESV)

2. Some people are gifts from God to equip others in the church.

Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, Ephesians 4:8-11 (ESV) Humility

Apostle

Prophets

Evangelists

Pastors

Teachers

3. Serving in the church is everyones responsibility.

to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, Ephesians 4:12 (ESV)

4. Serving in the church brings unity to the church.

until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, ... Ephesians 4:13 (ESV)

5. Serving in the church brings spiritual maturity.

...to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, Ephesians 4:13 (ESV)

6. Serving in the church protects us from the spiritual nut-cases.

so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Ephesians 4:14 (ESV)

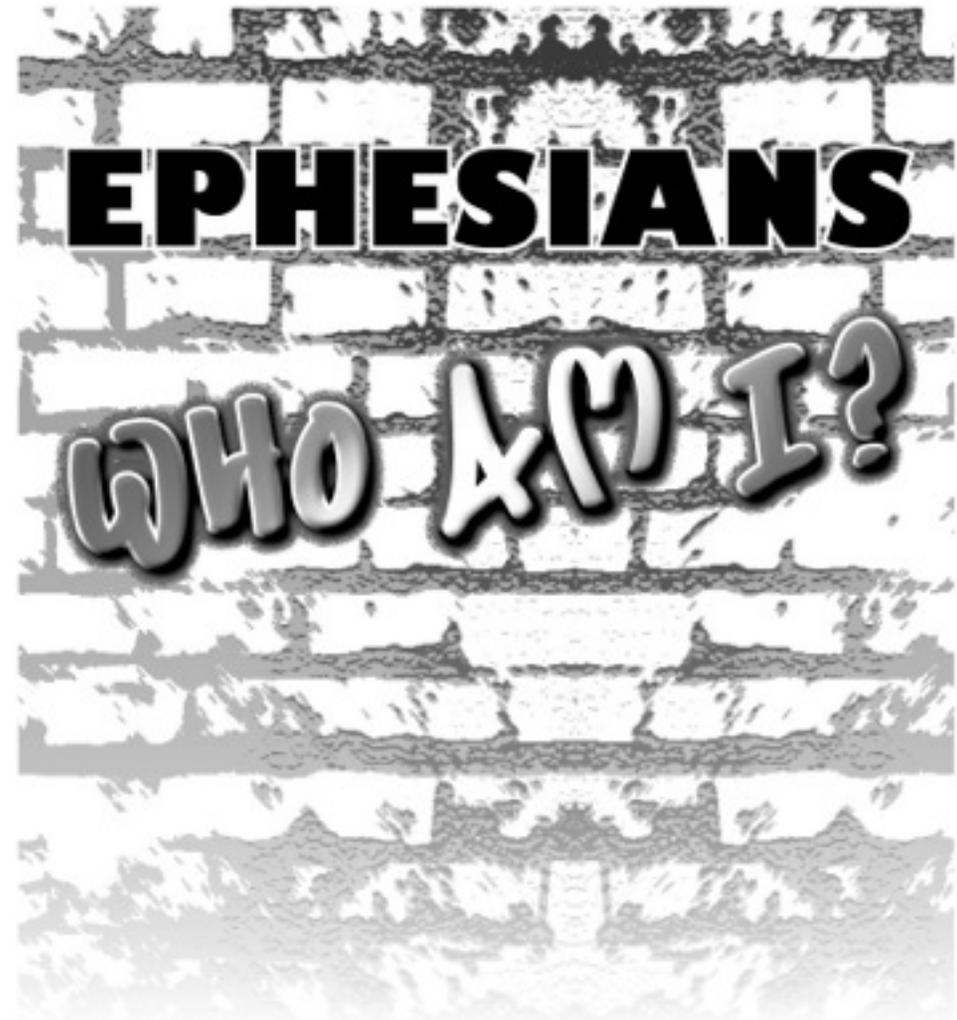
7. Serving in the church allows us to speak into the lives of one another.

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, Ephesians 4:15 (ESV)

8. When everyone is serving in the church, the body is healthy and becomes like Jesus.

from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. Ephesians 4:16 (ESV)

Conclusion



**When Everybody Does
Their Part**