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Building Blocks

You are the builder and the building.

Ephesians 4:11-13

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up¹³ 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.

What role will you play in building the church?

Building the church means building people. You are responsible for yourself. You also depend on others to build you up, just as they depend on you.

This scripture highlights what is called the 5-fold ministry of the church. Christ wants to see his bride brought to a place of complete preparedness, and she arrives at that point by the shared responsibility of these positions. Beyond the role that these offices play is the work of each believer who is being equipped for his/her work.

Ask yourself:

How am I taking advantage of opportunities to be equipped? A small group? Accountability? A bible study? Am I serving in a ministry where I can grow with the people beside whom I serve?

How am I fulfilling my duty to build others up? Am I sharing my faith? Am I showing someone the things I've already learned in my walk with Christ?

The things I am learning and the things I am teaching others should be accomplishing a few specific things:

- 1 - Unity in the faith*
- 2 - Becoming like Christ*

By gaining knowledge of Christ and the wisdom that comes along with it, we can and will become unified. This unity is a key to the health and strength of the church. Get your knowledge from God's Word, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, and from those who diligently teach the Scriptures.

In the same way, we will attain to, accomplish or grow up to a place where we look, act and live more like Christ.

So before you discount your value in the body of Christ, remember, none of us can get there on our own. We need each other.