



The Gifts
of the Holy Spirit
Part 3- Their Purposes

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² For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable..., ³ ...it was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴ while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Hebrews 2:2-4



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¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets,
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¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry,
for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we
all attain to the unity of the faith and of the
knowledge of the Son of God, to mature
manhood,

Ephesians 4:11-12



The Goals of Excellent Equipping

Workable Ministry

Doctrinal Stability

Relational Integrity

Cooperative Maturity

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**Serve where you're not serving,
Learn what you don't know,
Love where you're not loving,
Grow where you should grow.**

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¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 4:10-11



Serving Gifts

- Faith
- Giving
- Helping
- Hospitality
- Leading
- Mercy

Speaking Gifts

- Encouragement
- Teaching

Equipping Gifts

- Evangelism
- Pastor-Teacher



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- Every part is to exercise grace thoughtfully (Eph. 4:29-32).

So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, **strive to excel in building up the church.**

1 Corinthians 14:12



Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good **for building up**, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Ephesians 4:29

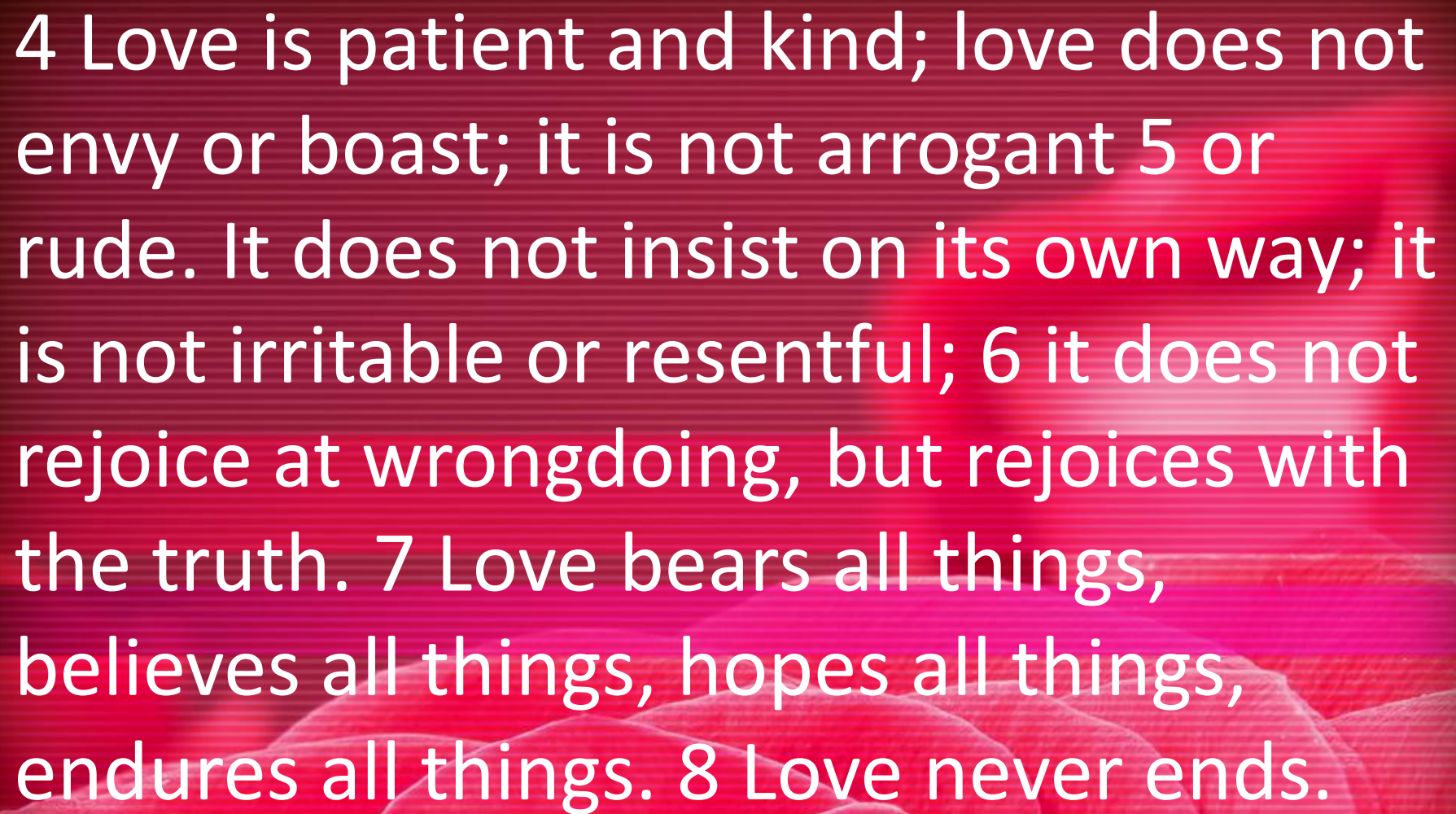


⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans 12:7-8



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