

Let's Each Do Our Part

Are you doing your part? The book of Ephesians talks about the importance of believers doing their part. Chapter four of Ephesians begins by admonishing us to, "live a life worthy of the calling you have received." It then goes on to describe the various types of work to be done in the church. The point of the passage is to proclaim unity of purpose and purity in our devotion to Christ.

In talking about the importance of the church growing in Christ to fulfill its purpose it says this, **"As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love."** New Living Translation The NIV translation states it this way, "as each part does its work."

Teams and organizations are only as strong as its weakest member. Yet even the weakest member can be strong surrounded by others. Every person in the Kingdom of God is gifted and equipped by God to do the work of God. The same is true when it comes to giving. Some can give more while others give less. The point in giving is not the amount of the gift but the motivation from the heart. Paul told the church at Corinth that they should give, "according to your means. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have." II Cor. 8:11,12

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My question to you today as we take up this offering is, are you doing your part? Today give with a willingness to help us continue to make a difference for Christ. Let's all do our part!