

Ephesians Series

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The Purpose of the Meeting of the Church

Ephesians 4:12



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Eph. 4:11, “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

Eph. 4:12, “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,”

**What the Bible Teaches
About**

Shepherds (Pastors)



What the Bible Teaches About

Shepherds/Pastors in the New Testament



Eph. 4:11, “And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastor-teachers,”

Not all teachers are pastors, but all pastors are to be teachers.

The pastor feeds the sheep through teaching the Word of God, the whole counsel of God.

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Eph. 4:12, “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,” ~NKJV

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καταρτισμός *katartismos*

acc masc sing

training, equipping

training: 1. teach a person a skill or type of behaviour through regular practice and instruction.

~OED

2 Tim. 3:16, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

2 Tim. 3:17, “that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

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ἐξαρτιζω *exartizō*

perf mid part masc sing

nom

completely equip.

To supply with items

needed for a purpose.

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The purpose of the gifts [option 1]:

Eph. 4:12, “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,” ~NKJV

He Himself gave pastor-teachers ...

for the equipping of the saints

for the work of ministry

for the edifying of the body of Christ

Eph. 4:12, “For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:” ~KJV 1900

The Prepositions

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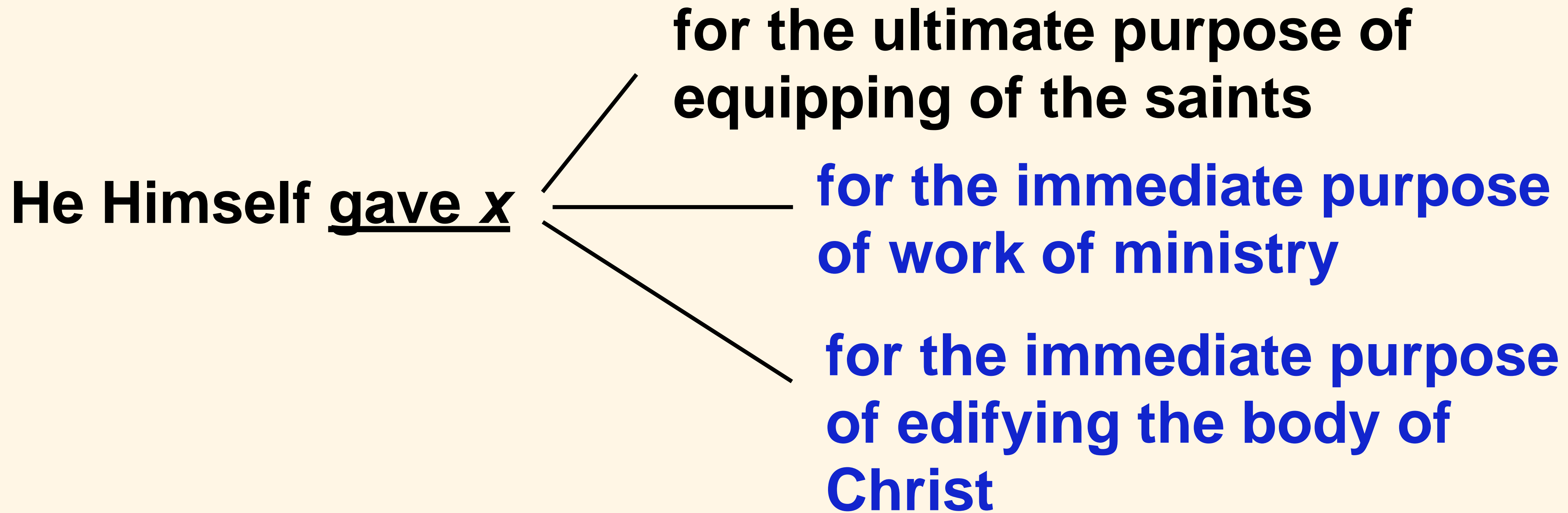
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***πρός pros* (+acc) to, toward; points to the purpose of the giving of the gifted leaders.**

***εἰς eis* (+acc) into, to, for (prep) would indicate the immediate purpose of the giving.**

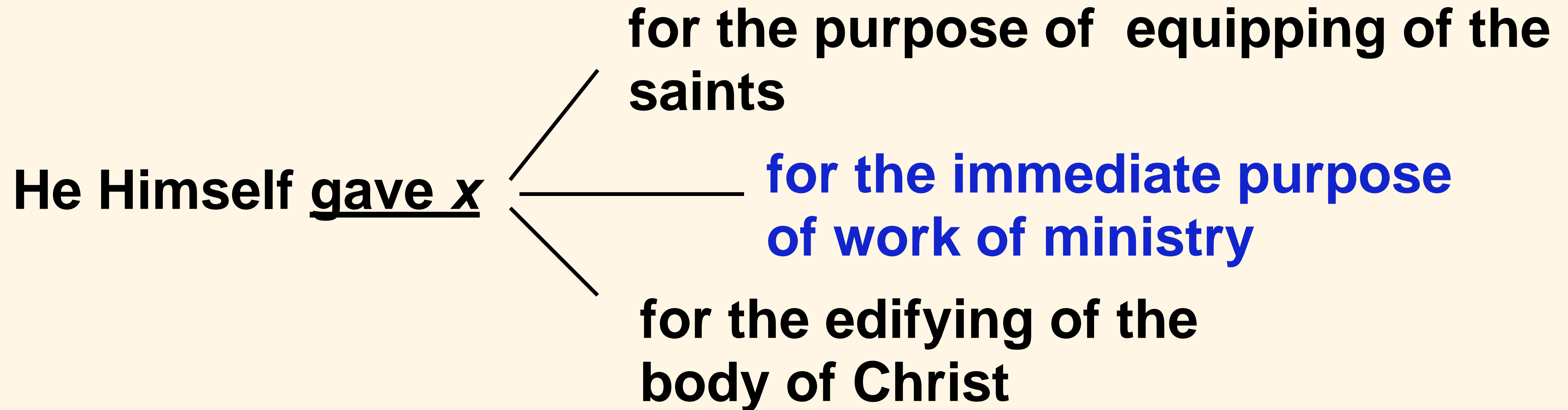
The purpose of the gifts [option 2]:

Eph. 4:12, “for the [ultimate purpose of] equipping the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,”



The purpose of the gifts [option 3]:

Eph. 4:12, “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,”

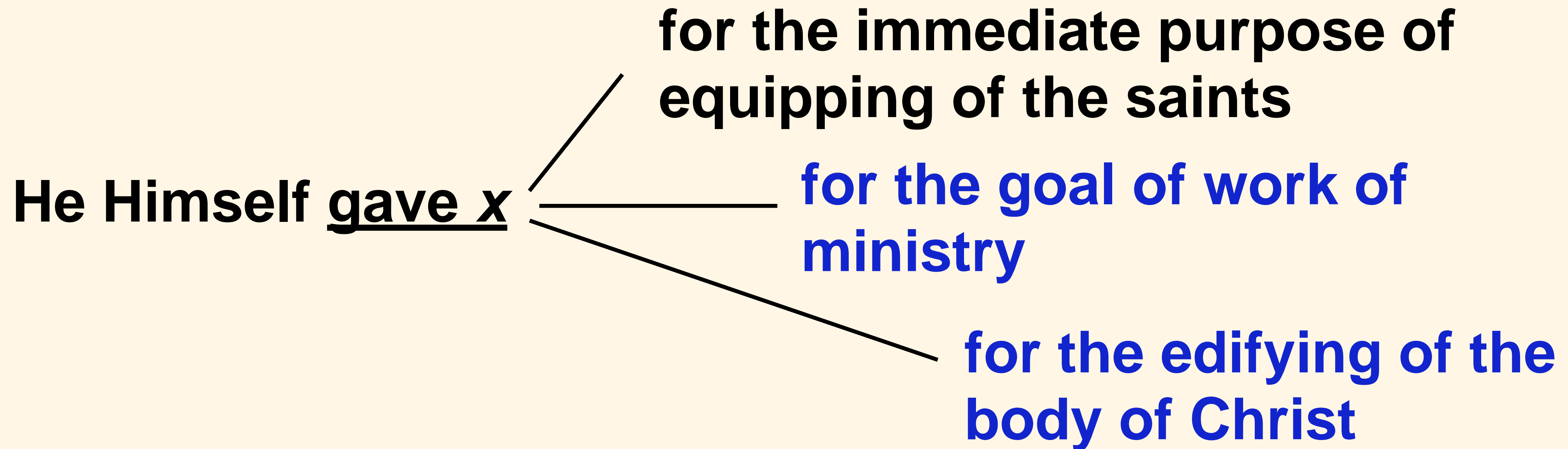


Eph. 4:12, “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,” ~NRSV

Eph. 4:12, “for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;” ~NASB77

The purpose of the gifts [option 4]:

Eph. 4:12, “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,”



Eph. 4:12, “to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up;” ~NIV

Eph. 4:12, “to equip all His people to do the work of service, so that the body of Christ might be built up spiritually;” ~ResurNT

Eph. 4:12, “for the immediate equipment of God’s people for the work of service, for the ultimate building up of the body of Christ;” ~Williams

Eph. 4:12, “For the immediate purpose of training all Church Age believers to do the work of service, toward the ultimate goal of spiritually strengthening the body of Christ;” ~RD

The implications for Church Age believers when choosing a church.

- 1. The local church should understand that the role of the pastor-teacher is to train believers to think, act, and live on the basis of God's Word.**
- 2. The responsibility of each believer is to devote themselves to being spiritually trained.**
- 3. The local church is not a social, sociological, or psychological institution to motivate us to live a better life.**

4. The local church by God's definition is an educational institution to train believers in how to think biblically and to remove the false and inaccurate opinions, philosophies, and religious deceptions from our thinking and our lives.

Eph. 4:13, “until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.”

Rom. 12:2, “And do not be pressed into the mold of the opinions and philosophies of the culture around you, but be transformed by the renovation of your thinking, in order that your life may give evidence that the will of God is good and acceptable and complete.” ~RD