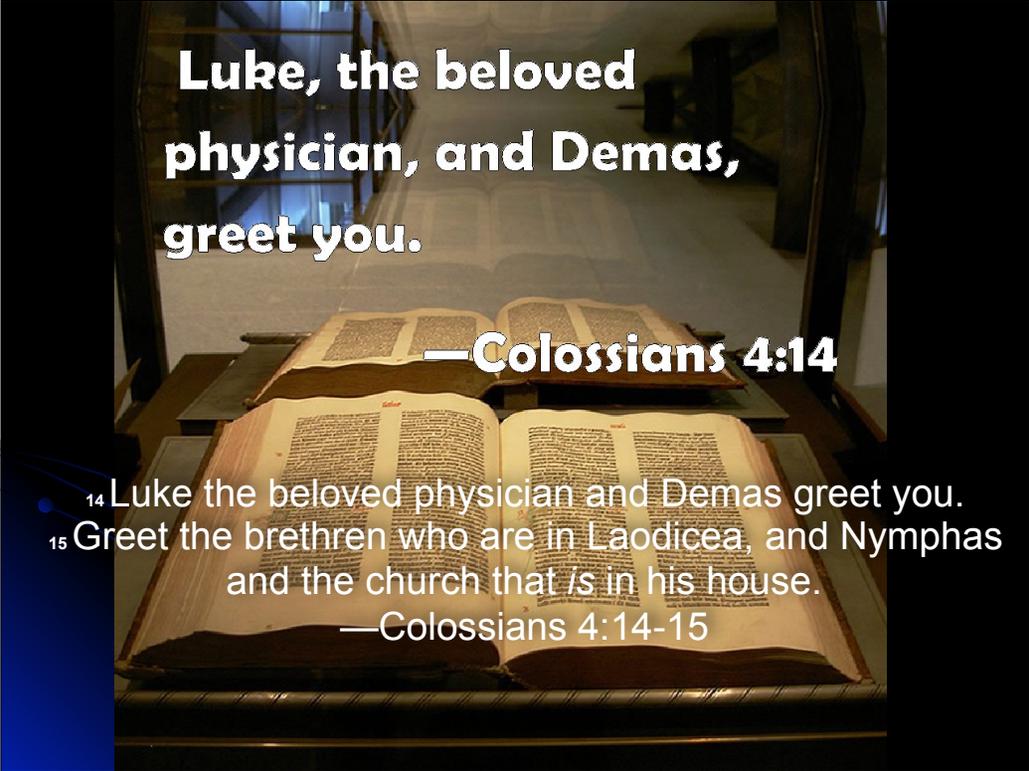


# Leadership Through Discipleship

Learning to Lead  
by Living to Follow

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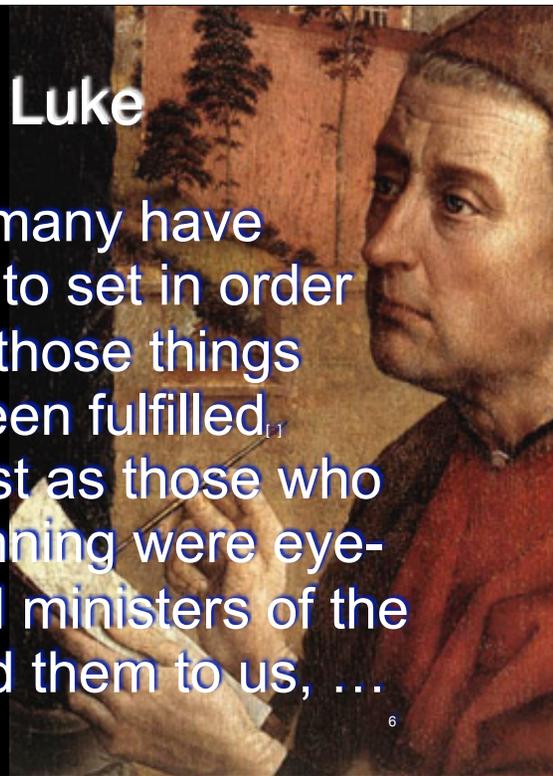
- A Discipleship Leader finds a place where his talents may be put to good use. Understanding and careful note-taking equipped Luke to be the first chronicler of church history.

—An influential contributor of the OT that was not one of The Twelve  
Called of God to preserve the History of the Church

—God used the “unlearned and uneducated” but he called others to write the NT

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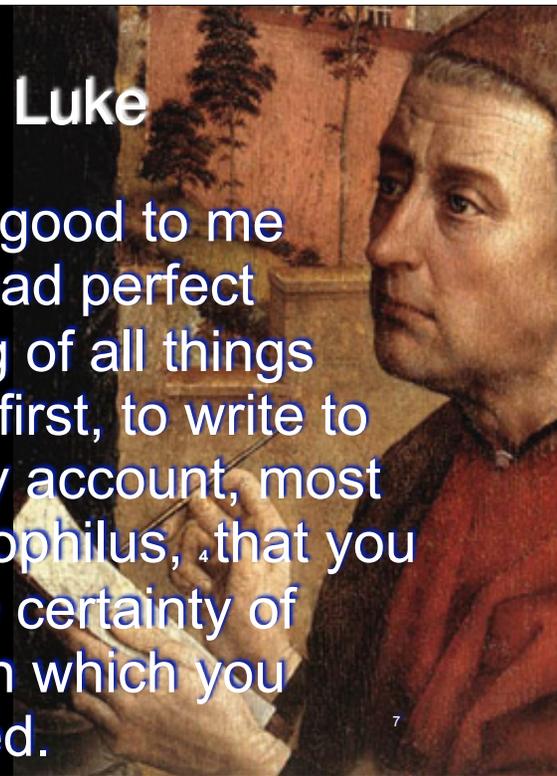


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## Luke's Writing — Luke & Acts

- Acts 1:1 —The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, <sup>3</sup>to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

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The third Gospel writer hides behind his historical narrative saying nothing about himself in the telling. His formal training and occupation is revealed in Paul's letter to the Colossians. Luke is identified as the “beloved physician.”

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It is obvious that he was a traveling companion to the apostle Paul, and an eyewitness historian from his writing in the book of Acts.

## Luke in Acts: “We” passages

- Acts 16:10 — <sup>10</sup> Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.
- see Acts 16:10–17

Luke was not one of the twelve apostles. Nevertheless, he was a faithful disciple, a traveling missionary, a diligent scholar, and a faithful historian. We know nothing about his conversion or call. We don't know the circumstances that led him to leave his medical practice to become the roving journalist, the devoted companion to accompany Paul on his missionary trips. He wrote in the first person as he told of sailing journeys from Troas to Philippi and numerous other ports between Italy and Israel. (The so-called “we passages” are found in Acts 16:10-17; 20:5-8, 13-15; 21:1-18; 27:1 to 28:16.)

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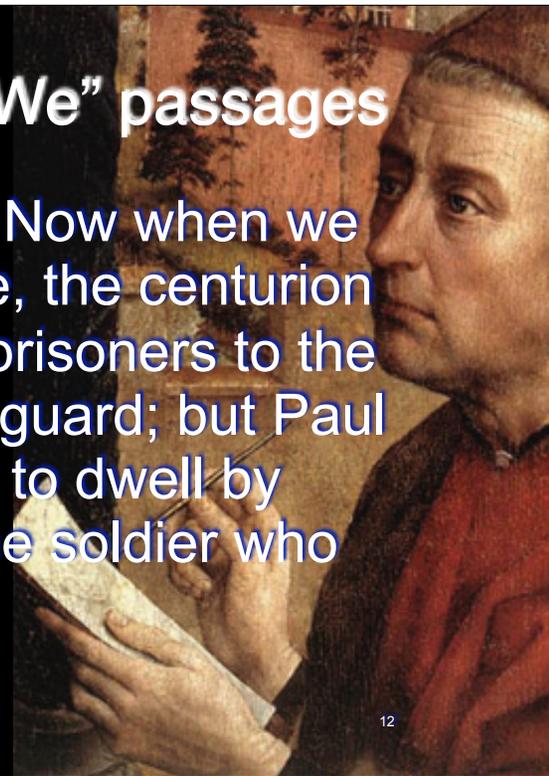
- Acts 20:6 — But we sailed away from Philippi after the Days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days joined them at Troas, where we stayed seven days.
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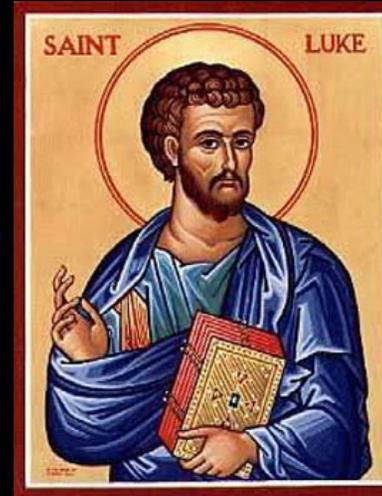
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- Acts 28:16 — Now when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard; but Paul was permitted to dwell by himself with the soldier who guarded him.



Also see from 27:1 to 28:16. — luke was on the journey when Paul was taken to Rome in captivity, “16 Now when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard; but Paul was permitted to dwell by himself with the soldier who guarded him.”

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- A Discipleship Leader discovers gifts and talents. Natural abilities *and* supernatural gifts are used to advance the Kingdom of God.

What is your gift? What ability do you have that you are able to contribute to the body of Christ? “Spiritual gifts” are gifts of supernatural enablement by the power of the Holy Spirit to perform signs, wonders, or miracles.

# Spiritual Gifts

## I Corinthians 12:8-10

- 1. Word of wisdom
- 2. Word of knowledge
- 3. Faith
- 4. Gifts of healings
- 5. Working of miracles
- 6. Prophecy
- 7. Discerning of spirits
- 8. Different kinds of tongues
- 9. Interpretation of tongues

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Wednesday night Bible Study  
Spiritual endowment

# Service Gifts

## Romans 12:6-8

1. Prophecy
2. Ministry
3. Teaching
4. Exhortation
5. Giving
6. Leading
7. Showing mercy

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We have all been given gifts “differing according to the grace that is given to us.” Some are called “service gifts” and define talents and abilities given to every believer to exercise in their service to God.

–Read Romans 12:4–13

Service Gifts (Romans 12:6–8)

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# Ministry Gifts

## Ephesians 4:11

1. Apostles
2. Prophets
3. Evangelists
4. Pastors
5. Teachers

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Even ministerial offices in the church are given as “gifts” from God. Their purpose is to build up and equip the body of Christ.

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# The Pursuit of Gifts

- 1 Corinthians 14:12 “Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual *gifts*, *let it be* for the edification of the church *that* you seek to excel.”

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In our pursuit of Christ we are often given gifts beyond our training, abilities greater than our education. It is the principle of diversified talents, applying an aptitude for another vocation to the present opportunity. You can become more than you planned to be. You can use the giftedness God has blessed you with to expand your ministry and embrace new opportunities.

Reach beyond your abilities. The Macedonian believers found they could give more than their ability!  
– 2 Corinthians 8:1–9 (read from the NLT)