



Greetings and salutations sisters in Christ,

What a joy it is to greet you today. I hope this letter finds you well and walking in His delight. One thing that brings women great delight is time spent together. That is what Sister Act Women's Ministry is designed to do is bring women together. It is a terrific group of women and you ladies make it so! Take time to appreciate the ladies who make our events and activities possible – the *Sister Act Women's Ministry Team*.

I'm sure there are many of you who do not know the history of how *Sister Act* got its name. Well, once upon a time there were some ladies who went to North Georgia for a ladies retreat. They laughed and sang and learned and laughed and sang and grew in their walk with the Lord and each other for the theme of the retreat was "Sister Act". They learned about a dreaded disease called perspective-itis and how it can destroy relationships (and churches)! How I see it is one way, and how you see it is another way, but most of us won't rest until we make sure that the other person sees it OUR WAY and if they don't, it's over!!! Let's listen in on some of what these ladies heard at this retreat. . .

*And He Himself gave **some** to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the **equipping of the saints for the work of ministry**, for the **edifying of the body of Christ**, till we all come to the **unity** of the faith and of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should **no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head – Christ-** (Ephesians 4:11-15)*

We are all called to equip and be equipped! We are to edify the body of Christ. We are all to come to the unity of the faith. We are to keep growing until we get to full stature in Christ. We are not to act like children: Tossed To and Fro, Carried About, Tricked or Deceived. The bottom line is: We are to "grow up!"

In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul identified the possessors of ministry: "*All this is from God, who **reconciled us** to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that God was **reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them**. And he has **committed to us** the message of reconciliation*". (2 Corinthians 5:18,19)

"Us" refers to members of the church, those reconciled by the work of Christ. The two important statements are "gave us the ministry of reconciliation" and "committed to us the message of reconciliation." The ministry responsibility has not been given to a group of less than 1 percent of the body, named clergy; it is the right and call to 100 percent of church membership, named *saints*.

Isn't this awesome? He reconciled us to himself! He is working hard to reconcile the world to himself! He chose not to count men's sins against them. And what is most awesome to me, He trusted US (you and me) with the message of reconciliation.

After this retreat the ladies decided this was to be their "calling card". Our ministry is one of RECONCILIATION. We don't always get along perfectly and we don't always see eye to eye, but we strive to be united as Sisters in the Lord, seeking to honor God in all we do as ministering to the women of God at Epic Faith. Won't you join us in our endeavor?

Sincerely, YOU