

The Economy of God

And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,
Ephesians 3:9

1. According to God's Good Pleasure

Ephesians 1:9-10a

9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,

10a Unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ,

2. God's Household Administration

Ephesians 3:2, 8, 9a

2 If indeed you have heard of the stewardship of the grace of God which was given to me for you,

8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel

9a And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is,

Matthew 24:45-46 (cf. Luke 12:42)

45 Who then is the faithful and prudent slave [steward], whom the master has set over his household to give them food at the proper time?

46 Blessed is that slave [steward] whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.

3. To Produce the Church as the Body of Christ

Ephesians 1:22-23

22 And He [God]...gave Him [Christ] to be Head over all things to the church,

23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

1 Corinthians 14:3, 4b

3 But he who prophesies speaks building up and encouragement and consolation to men.

4b ...he who prophesies builds up the church.