



Introduction

Ephesians 4:11-16 - Equipped To Be A Mature Body of Christ

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Main idea: Winning in the church means becoming more mature in Christ. To become more mature in Christ, we must be equipped by the work of the church. Just as a team works together, the body of Christ must work together to mature believers.

- 1. Believe in the calling and gifting of your leaders to help you mature.**

- 2. Be trained through the ministry they provide.**

- 3. Do your part by using your spiritual gifts to serve others.**

- 4. Experience the benefits of a maturing church that works together as a team.**