

Ephesians 4: 11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 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. ¹⁴ As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

Those Gifted To Teach And Preach The Word (v. 11) (apostles, prophets, evangelists, teaching-shepherds)

Equip, Mature, Perfect The Saints—*Katartidzo* (v. 12a) (through the Word of God, prayer, and service: 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Colossians 4:12; Acts 6:1-4)

Through suffering (1 Peter 5:10)

For The Purpose Of Doing Works Of Service (v. 12b)

To The End Of The Building Up Of The Body Of Christ (v. 12c)

With The Goal Of A Growing Unity In The Faith (v. 13a)

A Growing Unity In The True Knowledge Of The Son Of God (v. 13b)

Christ-likeness (v. 13c; Philippians 1:25-26; 3:7-15)

Purpose—Results Of Maturing And Maturity: Doctrinal And Personal Stability And Perseverance (v.14)

Living Truth Out Of A Heart Of Love (v. 15a)

A Growing Intimacy With, Dependence Upon, And Submission To Christ (v. 15b)

Mutual Ministry (v. 16)