

Big Idea: Gifts are meant to be used - and that's exactly what Jesus does! Whatever gift is given to each of us by Christ, it will be used for the ultimate goal of building up of the body of Christ, His Church.

We want to know how to "Be the Church" in this time. Some of us are frightened; many more are frustrated. There is so much insecurity and unknown in the world today - how can we stand firm in this time? Let's be encouraged by God's wisdom and grace in communicating just how we are to live in this world in this time and "Be the Church."



Be Equipped
Ephesians
4:11-13

The purpose of the church leader is to _____ the saints.

The authoritative instrument of the teaching shepherd is _____.

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16 (Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 119)

The empathetic instrument of the teaching shepherd is _____.

"In everything, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak." Acts 20:35 (Philippians 4:9; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 2:7; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4)



Be Maturing
Ephesians
4:14

Situational instability, relational pain, and spiritual warfare are real - _____.

Fear causes us to _____ God's Goodness. Speak truth to yourself.

"We rejoice in our sufferings...because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Romans 5:3-5 (Hebrews 2:10; Psalm 73; Psalm 136)

Faith allows us to _____ God's Goodness. Others are watching.

"I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh." Galatians 5:16 (Matthew 16:18; Philippians 1:6)

"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16 (1 Peter 2:12; 3:15)



Be Building
Ephesians
4:15-16

The purpose of the saint's work of ministry is the _____ of the body of Christ.

"Speaking the truth in love" means to speak, deal, and act _____.

Each member of the body of Christ is _____ on every other member.

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 Corinthians 12:7

"Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them." Romans 12:4

"As good stewards of the manifold grace of God, each of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve one another." 1 Peter 4:10 (James 2:14-17; 1 John 3:18)