



## **“A Skilled Workforce”**

*The Church’s Conduct*

Ephesians 4:11-16

*Jesus describes the church’s :*

### **I. Practitioners** - “He gave some” (vs. 11-12)

*The church has:*

**A. Leaders** – “pastors and teachers”

**B. Laborers** – “For the perfecting of the saints”

**C. Labor** – “for the work of the ministry”

### **II. Progress**– “ Till we all come in ” (v. 13-14)

*The church seeks maturity that is :*

**A. Scriptural** – “the knowledge of the Son of God”

**B. Skillful** - “Unto a perfect man”

**C. Spiritual**- “unto the measure of the stature...of Christ”

### **III. Process**- “ the whole body fitly joined” (vs. 15-16)

*The church relies on :*

**A. Communication**– “speaking the truth in love”

**B. Cooperation** – “compact by .every joint supplies”

**C. Concentration** – “makes increase of the body”

## Sentence Sermon:

**“Jesus gifted the Church so that We can skillfully Reach Our World and Grow His Church.”**

## Additional Verses

- *Ephesians 2:20*
- *I Timothy 5:17*
- *Revelation 21:14*
- *Galatians 1:19*
- *Acts 14:14*
- *Acts 1:15-22*
- *I Corinthians 9:1-2*
- *II Timothy 3:16-17*
- *Titus 1:5*
- *II Timothy 4:5*
- *Acts 20:28*
- *I Peter 5:1-4*

## Questions to Ponder:

- 1. Why do you think that the passage only lists a few spiritual gifts?
- 2. Which analogy or word picture do you like best that explains “the perfecting” of the saints?
- 3. In verse 13 is the goal of the church’s ministry, how would you describe it in your own words?
- 4. Why do you think verse 14 spends so many words describing a child in the faith?
- 5. What are some of the difficulties with “speaking the truth in love?”

- 6. Summarize the process that verse 16 speaks of. What does this really look like? Can you give some examples how this might work?

## INTRO:

How do we know

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Exegesis: Today for brevity sake we will only take one sentence...It does go for 6 verses though !! 😊

### V. 11

- And He gave = Christ gave
- Some = some men, some groups of believers, some churches
- Apostles= sent ones...12 official officers....17+ mentioned with the function
- Prophets = tellers of the truth
- evangelists = messengers of good news
- pastors teachers = poeima = 18 times used in NT ..17 it is translated shepherd...only this once is “pastor” seen as main duty of protection.
  - “and” is different word than others in the passage...probably referring to the one gift with two functions.

### V. 12

- For = this is the reason He gave groups of believers or churches gifted men
  - For The perfecting of the saints = restore to proper use...properly conditioned
    - Mending nets ..fishing
    - Setting of a broken bone
  - For the work = tools to work with... not toys to be played with or weapons to be used against each other
    - Of the ministry = serving others
  - For the edifying of the body of Christ
    - Notice that body of Christ = the saints

### V. 13

- Till = how long
  - We all come in the unity of the faith
  - And of the knowledge of the Son of God
  - Unto a perfect man
  - Unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ

### V. 14

- That we be no more children
  - Tossed to and fro and carried about
    - With every wind of doctrine
    - By the sleight of men

- And cunning craftiness
  - Whereby they lie in wait to deceive

V. 15

➤ But

- Speaking the Truth
  - In Love
- May grow up into Him in all things=
- Which is the Head, even Christ

V. 16

- From whom
  - The whole body fitly joined together
  - And compacted by that which every joint supplies
    - According to the effectual working in the measure of every part
      - Makes increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.