

Be Church, Part 4

Education In Ministry

Ephesians 4:11-12

I. The Preparation For The Work Of The Ministry (11)

¹¹And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers

A. Research And Development: Apostles Initiated & Prophets Instructed

apostolos = one who is sent with a commission; *prophetes* = a channel of direct divine revelation

B. Manufacturing: Pastor/Teachers Prepare The Church To Work In Ministry

poimen = shepherd; *didaskalos* = teacher

- **Oversee** the flock (1 Peter 5:2-3; Acts 20:28; 1 Tim 3:2)
- **Feed** the flock (1 Tim 5:17; 2 Tim 4:2)
- **Protect** the flock (Acts 20:28-31)
- **Equip** the flock (Eph 4:11-12)

C. Distribution: Evangelists Prepare The Church To Distribute The Gospel

euangelistes = a herald of good news

II. The Philosophy For The Work Of The Ministry (12)

¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ

A. Gear Up: Equip The Saints

"equip" = *katartismos* = to make complete/perfect/furnished; restore to original condition

- Complete An Individual For Ministry
- Restore An Individual For Ministry

B. Get Up: Employ Our Gifts

"ministry" = *diakonia* = service; "work" = *ergon* = labor, effort

- Ministry Is Sacrificial Labor
- Ministry Is Humble Service

C. Grow Up: Edify The Body

"edify" = *oikodomia* = building/constructing a house

- Eat Healthily: Feed On The Word
- Evade Vices: Live In Holiness
- Exercise Regularly: Serve With Regularity
- Examine Periodically: Get Regular Check Ups

Conclusion:

- To love Jesus, **feed** others.
- To love others, **connect**. Participate in at least one other ministry besides church service.
- To find you place, **explore** your spiritual gifts by trying different ministries.