

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“Building Members into Ministers” – Part 2

“iChurch – Doing Church Intentionally – Pt. 9

Ephesians 4:11-16 & Selected

A healthy New Testament church intentionally equips its members for full-time ministry.

Every Member a Minister Means:

I. I will humbly answer God’s call to full-time ministry.

II. I will be equipped to fulfill God’s call as a minister.

“And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints.” Vs. 11-12a

III. I will gladly work to evidence God’s call to ministry.

“And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry.”

Vs. 11-12b

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Ephesians 2:10

IV. I will build up the Church as a God-called minister.

“And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” Vs. 11-12

“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”

1 Corinthians 12:27

Until We All Experience...

1. Unity of the faith.

"...until we all attain to the unity of the faith." Vs. 13a

2. Knowledge of the Son of God.

"...and of the knowledge of the Son of God." Vs. 13b

3. Maturity in our walk.

"...to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Vs. 13c

4. Strength from correct doctrine.

"...so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes." Vs. 14

V. I will grow up in Christ and intentionally help other members become ministers too.

"Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love." Vs. 15-16

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19-20a

Effective Discipleship Demands:

1. Truthing in love.

2. Learning about Jesus.

3. Playing my part.

4. Fulfilling my calling.