

## I. Because Jesus Gifts Leaders to the Church (11)

“And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers...”

A. Apostles: advancing leaders

B. Prophets: revelatory leaders

C. Evangelists: harvesting leaders

D. Shepherds: caring leaders

E. Teachers: instructional leaders

### Airline Illustration

1. Evangelists – ticket counter; Who gets onboard?
2. Teachers – airplane mechanic; is everything in working order?
3. Shepherds – flight attendant; are passengers being cared for?
4. Prophets – Federal Air Marshall; is there any danger on board?
5. Apostles – pilot; one job: take everyone to the destination

## II. Because Leaders Provide Advance to the Church (12-13)

A. Spiritual growth - “to equip the saints...”

B. Kingdom mission - “...for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...”

C. Growing oneness - “...until we all attain to the unity of the faith...”

D. Enlightened maturity - “...and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.”

E. Theological soundness - “So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.”

## III. Because It’s How Maturity is Developed in the Church (15-16)

“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, 16 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.”

**Speaking...Growing...Joining...Working...Building**