

Leadership for the Church
Ephesians 4:11-16, Acts 20:17-31

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I. Spiritual leaders given to profit the body. *Ephesians 4:11-12*

When a body of believers is obediently _____ His plan, there is fruit, growth, joy, and unity.

- God uses His gifted leaders to direct His church. Just as a church needs godly leaders, it also needs followers to imitate those who _____ Jesus closely. **1 Corinthians 11:1**

II. Unity is the result of maturity. *Ephesians 4:13-16*

1. The first evidence of Christian maturity is _____.
2. The second evidence of maturity is _____.
3. The third evidence of maturity is _____ combined with _____.
4. The fourth evidence of maturity is _____.

III. Paul's lifestyle in Ephesus. *Acts 20:17-21*

Paul was also _____ over the temptations of the flesh.

- At the end of your time here on planet earth, the only thing that will matter is knowing _____ and having faith in Him.

IV. Paul followed the Lord's teaching. *Acts 20:22-27*

Paul was a willing slave unto the Lord, and he was bound by the direction of the Spirit with shackles of _____ and _____.

V. The warning to the Overseers of the Church. *Acts 20:28-31*

The first thing a spiritual overseer needs to do is to _____ and grow in their own relationship with the Lord. **2 Corinthians 13:5**

- God has a plan, and He is on the _____ working it all out for your good and His glory!

VI. Practical Application.

1. _____ is the most important characteristic of a godly leader.
2. _____, which is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.
3. A godly leader needs _____, which is the ability to imagine what someone else might be thinking or feeling.
4. A godly leader is _____, and someone who takes responsibility for what they do and gives a satisfactory reason for it to others.

5. A godly leader shows _____, which is a Biblical and modest view of one's own importance.
6. A godly leader _____ others to grow up in Christ, while recognizing their own fallibility.
7. A godly leader has good _____ and decision-making skills.
8. A godly leader must possess _____.
9. A godly leader must be a good _____ and be able to control their tongue.
10. A godly leader must learn how to _____ to others and duplicate themselves.
11. Godly leaders are always _____ and praying.
12. Godly leaders are _____ about the things of the Kingdom, more than things of the earth.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read ***Ephesians 4:11-16***. Discuss how and why the Lord gives leaders for His body, the Church. Discuss the four-fold evidence found in these verses for Christian maturity (see II. of the notes). ***Hebrews 13:7, 1 Peter 5:2, 1 Corinthians 11:1, 2 Peter 3:18, Hebrews 10:24-25***
2. Read ***Acts 20:17-27***. Discuss Paul's lifestyle and obedience to the Lord found within these verses.
3. Read ***Acts 20:28-31***. Discuss the different warnings and remedies offered by Paul to the Ephesian Elders in these verses. ***Acts 20:21, 2 Corinthians 13:5, Psalm 139:23-24, Hebrews 4:12, Matthew 7:15-16***
4. *Which members of the body of Christ, the Church, are called to be ministers? At what age can a Christian retire from the Lord's calling?* ***Ephesians 2:10, Romans 11:29, 1 Corinthians 12:12-26, Romans 12:4-8***
5. Discuss the twelve points of the practical application of the sermon.