



# Growing & Maturing

Ephesians 4

Oak Hollow church of Christ

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# A Good Team, and a Winning Team

- From Dale Jenkins:
  - Two things that make up a Thriving Church Plant:
    - i. Play to your strengths - Find out what you do well and do it with excellence
      - What gifts have you been blessed with by God that you can use in His service?
    - ii. Prioritize spiritual growth over numbers
      - What is the true goal of the church?



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## Ephesians 4:11-16 (NKJV)

**11** And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, **12** for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, **13** till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; **14** that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, **15** but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— **16** from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

# Prioritizing Spiritual Growth

- Why has God committed and given some the ability to become evangelists, teachers, and shepherds?
  - a. The equipping of the saints for the work of ministry (vs 12a)
  - b. The edifying of the body of Christ (vs 12b)
  - c. To bring about unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God (vs 13a)
  - d. To bring about maturity, the fullness of Christ (vs 13b-14)
  - e. For natural, organic growth of the body (vs 16)

## So what's the point?

- Prioritizing the spiritual development and maturity of those that make up the body allow for:
  - a. Increasing unity of the body - both in faith and love
    - 1 Peter 1:22-23 ; Ephesians 4:1-6
  - b. Spiritual maturity, understanding of the truth, and continued, consistent growth for all that are in the body
    - Philippians 3:7-15
  - c. Growth through the ministry of all of the saints
    - 2 Timothy 2:1-2