

HOW TO BUILD A CHURCH THAT BRINGS GLORY TO GOD

Text: Ephesians 4:7-16.

Introduction: How does God measure growth in a body of believers? Why are some people swept away into false doctrine? What God-designed diversity exists in the body of Christ and why? The answer to these questions is found in knowing "how to build a church that brings glory to God."

1. By Understanding The God-given Diversity In The Church.

- 1) The God-given diversity is the existence of _____ in the church.
- 2) Gifts differ according to the _____ that is given to us.

2. By Equipping The Saints With The Word Of God.

- 1) Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, and _____ were given to equip the saints.
- 2) The need for equipping saints will continue until _____ returns.
- 3) Saints who are equipped escape the entrapment of _____ doctrine.

3. By Saints Exercising Their Gifts With Diligence.

- 1) The body of Christ is edified as saints engage in the work of _____.
- 2) The growth of the body of Christ is effected in direct proportion to the obedience of its _____ members.

Conclusion: The key to building the body of Christ is being _____ through the Word of God. There are important things that you can do to be a part of the solution in our day:

- _____ for church leaders that they will be mighty in spirit as they equip the saints.
- Fill your life with the _____.
- Have a heart that is free to _____ others.
- Be sensitive to opportunities _____.