

The Successful Congregation – Ephesians 4:11-16

I. Show Up (v. 7, 11-12)

1. We have been given the gift of _____ according to Christ. (v. 7)
2. For what purpose did God bless evangelist, pastors, and teachers? (v. 11-12)
To prepare Christians for the work of the _____.
3. We should never grow tired of doing _____. (Galatians 6:9–10)
 - a. Christians are to do good to _____ people.
4. Thought question: Can we be successful if we don't show up for the task we've been given?

II. Know Your Job (v. 13-14)

5. The purpose of the teaching we receive is to bring us into the unity of the _____ and of the _____ of the Son of God. (v. 13)
6. In verse 14, spiritual maturity is described as the stature of the _____ of Christ.
7. One way in which we mature spiritually is to search the scriptures _____. (Acts 17:11)
8. When I practice (perform) those things in which I learn from the bible, I will become...
 - a. A _____ and _____ servant. (Matthew 25:21)
 - b. _____ and _____ in the Lord's work. (1 Cor. 15:58)
 - c. I will no longer be influenced by the _____. (1 John 5:19)
9. When Christ is preached, we receive _____ and teaching in all _____ to help us mature spiritually. (Colossians 1:28)

III. Performance (v. 15-16)

10. Spiritual maturity results when we speak the _____ in love. (v. 15)
11. The successful congregation will follow God's design for its organization:
 - a. _____ is the Head of the church. . (Colossians 1:18)
 - b. _____ will lead us in spiritual guidance and sound doctrine. (1 Tim. 5:17)
 - c. Special servants called _____, will help manage the physical needs of the congregation. (1 Timothy 3:13)
 - d. Faithful preachers and teachers will preach and teach the _____. (2 Tim. 4:2)
 - e. An active membership in which every part (member) does its _____. (v. 16)
12. When the local congregation functions (performs) according to God's will, the result will be _____ of the body for the edifying of itself in _____. (v. 16)