

Jesus' Purpose for My Leadership!

Intentional Leadership

*“Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil,
but in your thinking be mature.”
1 Corinthians 14:20 ESV*

A Congregation Grows through _____ !

I. The _____ of Christ's Resurrection

“(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)”
Ephesians 4:9–10 ESV

Christ's Resurrection _____ to Control through the Exercise of His Sovereignty!

“so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:10–11 ESV

(Philippians 2:12-13)

- The Church is His _____ for Carrying Out His Purpose

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

Ephesians 4:11 ESV

Jesus Appoints _____ to Bring to Fulfillment His Plan!

“to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,”

Ephesians 4:12 ESV

Effective Leaders _____ the Congregation for Ministry!

II. Jesus Target is a _____ Congregation

“until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,”

Ephesians 4:13 ESV

- A _____ and Biblically _____ Congregation—*“until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, ...”*
Ephesians 4:13a ESV

**The collective goal of God's people is appropriating their spiritual gifts
for the maturity of each other!**

(Ephesians 2:14, 1:18–19)

- A _____ Congregation—*“to mature manhood,”* *Ephesians 4:13b ESV*

(Hebrews 5:14)

- A _____ **Congregation**—“to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,”
Ephesians 4:13c ESV

III. The Marks of Congregational _____

“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.” Ephesians 4:14 ESV

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IV. Marks of a _____ **Congregation**

“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 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.”
Ephesians 4:15-16 ESV

- _____ **the Gospel through Our Actions** - ”speaking the truth in love”

A ‘Confessing’ Church Bearing Verbal Testimony of the Gospel of Salvation!

(Ephesians 1:13)

-**Collective Commitment to** _____ - ”we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ”

Take Advantage of Spiritual Resources!

-**Maturity Driven by** _____ —”from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped”
(Ephesians 4:12)

-**Fully** _____ **Congregation** — ”when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love”

A Congregation Grows through Leadership Involvement!

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