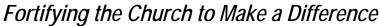
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Ephesians 4:11-16

¹¹ It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. 14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (NIV)

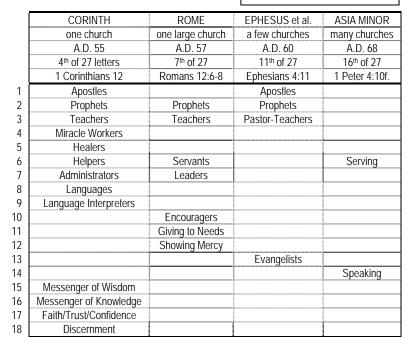
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Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Compare **Ecclesiastes 2:11**, **Hebrews 6:10** and **Matthew 6:19-21**. How do these verses motivate you reevaluate the use of your time and energy?

Describe an expenditure of yourself in ministry that was hard at the time, but you look back on now as a great and worthwhile investment.

- 2. What are some of the "time wasters" and insignificant activities in your weekly life that can be replaced with service to the body of Christ?
- 3. What fears or concerns do you have about investing more of yourself in ministry?
- 4. What are some of the godly motives for serving in the church?
- 5. What ministry skills has God been developing in your life over the past year or two?
- 6. What are some new commitments you are willing to make to serve Christ's church?

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0405 - Zeroing In on God's Task for Me Right Now

CD # 0404 - Staying Focused on the Reason God Has Me Here

CD # 0425 - A Brief Study of When God Breaks the Rules He Made

CD # 0205 - 0208 - People Tools (a four-part series on Colossians 4:7-18)

CD # 0104 - 0107 - Expanding Your Ministry (a four-part series on Colossians 1:2 - 2:5)

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this week's schedule:

February 24th

Lev.21-22 & Prov.11

February 25th

Lev.23-24 & Prov.12

February 26th

Lev.25-27 & Prov.13

February 27th

Num.1-2 & Prov.14

February 28th

Num.3-4 & Prov.15

March 1st

Num.5-6 & Prov.16

March 2nd

Num.7-8 & Prov.17

March 3rd

Num.9-10 & Prov.18

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon. (To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to **www.CompassBooks.org.**)

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