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Running to Win

Fortifying the Church to Make a Difference

1. Why _____ ?

vv.11-12



vv.13-15



v.13a →

v.13b →

v.13c →

v.14 →

v.15a →

v.15b →

v.16



2. What _____ ?



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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)

	CORINTH	ROME	EPHESUS et al.	ASIA MINOR
	one church	one large church	a few churches	many churches
	A.D. 55	A.D. 57	A.D. 60	A.D. 68
	4 th of 27 letters	7 th of 27	11 th of 27	16 th of 27
	1 Corinthians 12	Romans 12:6-8	Ephesians 4:11	1 Peter 4:10f.
1	Apostles		Apostles	
2	Prophets	Prophets	Prophets	
3	Teachers	Teachers	Pastor-Teachers	
4	Miracle Workers			
5	Healers			
6	Helpers	Servants		Serving
7	Administrators	Leaders		
8	Languages			
9	Language Interpreters			
10		Encouragers		
11		Giving to Needs		
12		Showing Mercy		
13			Evangelists	
14				Speaking
15	Messenger of Wisdom			
16	Messenger of Knowledge			
17	Faith/Trust/Confidence			
18	Discernment			

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.)*

Berding, Kenneth. "Confusing Word and Concept in 'Spiritual Gifts'" *Journal of the ETS* 43 (2000): 37-51.
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Guinness, Os. **The Call: Finding and Fulfilling The Central Purpose of Your Life**. Word Publishing, 1998.
Helm, Paul. **The Callings: The Gospel in the World**. Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth, 1988.
Lloyd-Jones, D. Martyn. **Ephesians 4:1-16. An Exposition on Christian Unity**. Baker Books, 1998.
Murray, Andrew. **Humility: The Journey Toward Holiness**. Bethany House, 2001.
Sanders, Oswald. **Spiritual Leadership**. Moody Press, 1980.
Schaeffer, Francis. **The Church at the End of the Twentieth Century**. Crossway Books, 1994.
Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.
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