

How Did God Design His Church to Function?

Ephesians 4:11-16

Introduction: Ephesians 4:7. What did the Lord give us & why?

I. God Gave the Church Leadership - v11

A. Apostles = _____.

1. Who were they originally? - Luke 6:13 & Acts 1:21-22
2. What was the proof of their position? - II Corinthians 12:12
3. Who else were considered apostles? - Romans 1:1; Acts 14:14; Romans 16:7 & Galatians 1:19
4. Did they leave any successors? - II Corinthians 12:12
5. How is the church provided direction today?

B. Prphets = _____.

1. How did God use them in the Bible?
2. Who were some of them? - Acts 21:11; 11:27-28 & 21:8-9

C. Evangelists = _____.

1. Where did this word come from?
2. Who were some evangelists in the New Testament? - Acts 21:8 & II Timothy 4:5
3. Who are they today?

D. Pastor/Teachers = _____.

1. What did they do? - I Peter 5:1-2 & I Timothy 5:17
2. How do they function today?

E. The Saints = _____ - v12.

II. God Gave the Church a Mission - v12-16

A. What do the leaders do? - v12

B. What do the saints do? - v12

C. How long are the saints to do this? - v13

1. Until _____ is obtained.
2. Until _____ is obtained.
3. Until _____ is obtained.

D. What are God's goals for His church?

1. To have the M_____ of C_____ - Philippians 2:5.
2. To conduct yourselves so _____.
3. To be grounded enough in biblical teachings so you will be able to recognize F_____ T_____ - v14.
4. Develop a love for the Lord & for His A_____ - v15-16.

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