

Refocus On Equipping Believers

Ephesians 4:11-12; II Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 13:20-21; I Timothy 4:12-13

I. His leaders equip us Ephesians 4:11- 12

A. He gave leaders to equip you in the faith (11)

11 And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

B. The equipping is for the building up of one another (12)

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

C. This equipping is an ongoing process to maturity in Christ (13)

13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

II. His word equips us II Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 13:20-21

A. The Scripture equips us (16)

16 All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

B. The Scripture completes us (17)

17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

III. His purpose for equipping is to equip others I Timothy 4:12-13

A. Living out what we learned (12)

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

B. Sharing what we learned (13)

Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

Conclusion

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III. His purpose for equipping is to equip others.