

The Early Maturing Church
Ephesians 4:11-16

Intro

I was very fortunate in my coaching career to have been part of a couple of very successful athletic programs

I loved being part of coaching staffs that were able to achieve such success.

There is quite a bit of similarity between athletic teams and churches if we stop and look at it.

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up... Ephesians 4:11-12

It was Christ who gave these _____ to the church to give them the tools needed to work together to build up the body.

What do we see in this verse about who is to do the _____ of _____, the work of _____?

If the church is to mature and grow as Christ intended, we must get back to the _____ being the _____ in the church just Christ _____ it to be.

What is this work of the ministry?

What happens when we all do the work of ministry?

Conclusion

The early church grew mature and grew in numbers because the church - the people - followed God's plan for them.