

Equipping Members is Our Biblical Priority

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

Ephesians 4:11-12(NIV)

I. Christ _____ his church to _____ members

A. _____ members is the leaders _____

B. _____ is the members _____

C. _____ > _____

II. Biblical _____ of Equipping

A. Needs are an _____ for ministry

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.

Acts 6:1 (NIV)

B. Members are _____ for ministry

² So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³ Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴ and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

Acts 6:2-4 (NIV)

C. The body is _____

So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

Acts 6:7(NIV)

III. The _____ of discovering ministry

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____