

“A Commitment to Grow”

Ephesians 4:11-16

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Introduction:

- A. Today, I want to encourage us to make a commitment to _____, and to do the things that will help us _____.
- B. What is one significant difference between an _____ and most other modes of _____?
 - 1. The only safe progression for an airplane is _____ and _____.
- C. God desires and commands that His children _____ toward _____ in Christ.
 - 1. Unfortunately some don't _____ beyond the _____ stage (1 Cor. 3:2; Heb. 5:11-14)
- D. I want to encourage us to make a commitment to grow in these three areas.

I. _____.

- A. God wants us to _____ in _____ and in _____ (Jn. 4:21-24)
- B. If we are not _____ enough in our worship then it can _____ our growth. (Heb. 10:24-25)
- C. I also want us to think of worship in _____ terms than just what we do when the church gathers.
- D. Paul says that our spiritual act of worship is the giving of our whole selves as a _____ (Rom. 12:1)

II. _____.

- A. _____ is both a privilege and a responsibility for Christians (Mt. 6:14-16; Mt. 28:19-20).
- B. It is not primarily a _____, or a technique, rather it is a _____ (Col. 4:5-6; 1 Cor. 9:19-23).
- C. The sharing of our faith helps us to _____ and to be _____, in addition to it blessing those with whom we share it (Phil. 1:6).
- D. The reality is that few people will _____ on their own.

III. _____.

- A. How did Paul say the church grows and builds itself up? By _____ part doing its _____ (Eph. 4:16).
- B. A main responsibility of leadership is to _____ the church's members to _____ their _____ (Eph. 4:12).
- C. “Great occasions for serving God come _____, little ones surround us _____.”
- D. Satan encourages us to be _____ and he gives us ways to _____ not doing our part.

Conclusion:

- A. Motto from schools boys in the French Revolution: “Tremble, tyrants, we shall _____.” Our Motto: “Tremble, oh enemy, we are growing up for _____.”

Answer Key: Intro.A. grow, grow. B. airplane, transportation. B.1. forward, upward. C. grow, maturity. C.1. grow, baby. I. Worshiping. I.A. worship, spirit, truth. I.B. consistent, stunt. I.C. broader. I.D. living, sacrifice. II. Witnessing. II.A. evangelism. II.B. program, lifestyle. II.C. grow, blessed. II.D. find, Jesus. III. Working. III.A. each, work. III.B. prepare, do, part. III.C. seldom, daily. III.D. selfish, rationalize. Concl.A. grow, up, God.