

Truth Detectors # 1: Why You Need to Know the Truth

Ephesians 4:11-16

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Key Truth: You are the “Truth Detectors”! (John 8:32)

Theology Word for Today – **Sanctification**

Sanctification is the continuing work of God in the life of a believer, growing the believer toward holiness.

Foundational Truth # 1: God has gifted us all for service in the church. (Vs. 11)

Foundational Truth # 2: God has called out and gifted a few to prepare you for that service. (Vs. 11-12)

Foundational Truth # 3: It takes unity, maturity, and growth in Christ to complete the task of the church. (Vs. 13)

Foundational Truth # 4: Without this maturity and growth, we are in danger of being deceived and becoming trapped by false doctrines and lies. (v. 14)

Foundational Truth # 5: Christian living is all about truth, love, growing in Christ (Vs. 15)

- Truth – Not in just what you say, but in who you are.

- Love – We do not judge and scream, we teach in love.
- Growing in Christ – In all things, we must desire to become more like Jesus... in behavior, in character, and in our will.

Foundational Truth # 6: When you do your part, the entire church grows in Christ Jesus! (Vs. 16)

LIFE Applications

1. Decide that you are ready to grow.
2. Seek God's Will for that which you are growing toward ... a place of ministry.
3. Listen to your teachers.
4. Don't believe everything you read or hear!
5. When in doubt about something, seek a mature believer for help.
6. Always speak the truth in love.
7. Get ready to learn and be disciplined!