

Mature Mentoring
Maturity in Conviction
Ephesians 4:7-16

Review:

Is it a good thing for children to remain children?

We become mature in conviction by prioritizing and not neglecting what Christ has given.

1. What has Christ given to us? Vs. 11
2. How do we practically prioritize what Christ has given?
 - a. Pastors and missionaries must preach the Word. 2 Timothy 4:2
 - b. The body is to mature under the teaching and preaching ministry of the Word.
 - i. Be very careful of how you respond when you don't like what the pastor preaches. 2 Timothy 4:3-4.
 - ii. Be very careful of the philosophy that says children can't learn from the pastor's sermon.
 1. We want to raise a generation that loves the teaching and preaching ministry of the Word.
 - iii. Be very careful not to miss the benefits of Christ's gifts.

Methods Matter: Why is it important for the church to build its' ministry on the preaching of the Word?

1. Methods matter because _____ exists.
 - a. _____ is truth. Psalm 50:21; John 14:6; John 17:3; Jeremiah 10:10
 - b. God's _____ is truth. Psalm 119:160; John 17:17; Titus 1:1-2
 - c. The _____ is truth. Ephesians 1:13; Ephesians 4:21, 24
2. Methods matter because Christian _____ is at stake.
 - a. Deceitful methods lead to a life of being _____ to and fro. Ephesians 4:15; 2 Timothy 4:3-4
 - b. Speaking the truth in love leads to maturity
 - i. In C _____ Ephesians 4:15-16
 - ii. In C _____ Ephesians 5:9
 - iii. In C _____ Ephesians 6:14

Discussion Questions:

1. What have you been learning from God's Word?
2. How have you been applying or sharing what you are learning from God's Word?
3. Why is it true that some people don't want to grow up? Or why do some adults wish that they could go back to their childhood?
4. Why might certain pastors/teachers not preach the Word?
5. How would you counsel a young believer, who didn't like a sermon because they were convicted by it?
6. How does family worship provide a training time for children to learn how to properly participate in corporate worship?
7. How is the American church doing at raising a generation that loves the preaching of the Word of God? Why?
8. What can we learn from the emphasis in Ephesians 4:11 on "He Himself"?
9. How have you matured in conviction by becoming more like Christ within the last year?