

Attaining Maturity

"The read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading." Nehemiah 8:8 (ESV)

Link was told, "It's _____ to go _____. Take this."

The Gifts That Help Us Attain Maturity

A. Ephesians 4 - Gifts Christ left for His followers:

1. 4:7,8 - Christ gave _____ - but what are they?
2. 4:11 - The gifts He gave:

3. 4:12-16 - He gave these to help us realize _____, to be _____ in our understanding of the _____, and to enable us to do our part to _____ up the _____.

B. Nehemiah 8 - An example of the attainment of maturity:

1. 8:1-3 - Though the reading was _____, the people were _____ to the Book of the _____.
2. 8:7,8 - The _____ helped the people _____ the reading.
3. 8:13-18 - They realized from this reading that they had _____ the Feast of _____.

C. Ephesians 4:11-13 - Christ gave _____ so we could attain _____ manhood.

Using The Gifts Christ Has Given Us

A. Gifts can be neglected or used:

1. 1 Timothy 4:14 - "Do not _____ the _____ you have."
2. 1 Peter 4:10 - _____ one has a _____; they should be used to _____ one another.

B. A different view of those who watch out for our spiritual needs:

1. Ephesians 4:11 - Do we see these as _____?
2. 1 Thessalonians 5:12,13 - We should _____ and esteem them very _____ in love.
3. Hebrews 13:17 - _____ your leaders and _____ to them; they keep _____ over your _____.
4. 1 Corinthians 12:14-16 - _____ member of the body is _____. We _____ each other.

C. Do we give _____ to those who _____ us?

We each need Christ - and the _____ He has given us.

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