



¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ **may be built up** . . . ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will **grow to become** in every respect **the mature body** of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and **builds itself up in love**, as each part does its work. . . . ²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful **for building others up** according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Ephesians 4:12, 15-16, 29

Building a Body that glorifies God requires:

1. Believers who are living out their _____.

¹ As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is **one body and one Spirit**—just as you were called to **one hope** when you were called— ⁵ **one Lord, one faith, one baptism**; ⁶ **one God and Father** of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:1-6

2. Leaders who understand their _____ and are diligent in their _____.

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 ¹³ until we all **reach unity in the faith** and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13

3. Brothers and sisters who _____ together and _____ it out.

²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, **for we are all members of one body**. ²⁶ “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. . . . ²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:25-27, 29, 32

Check all boxes that apply:

- I'll read back through Ephesians 4, focusing on verses 15 and 16.
- I'll do my part to build our church for God's glory in 2012.
- I'll pray this year for my nation, my church, my pastor and staff and for my family/friends who don't know Jesus.
- I'll take The New Testament Challenge by reading 50 key New Testament passages in 10 weeks starting January 22.