

# NEW COVENANT CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

SERMON NOTES

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Pastor Billy Johnson

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## Equipped to Grow: It's Time to Grow Up Ephesians 4:11-16 (NIV)

"Growth is evidence of life." - Pastor Billy Johnson

"There are some things you are not going to be delivered from; you're going to grow out of." – Pastor Billy Johnson

*The "church" here does not refer to the building, but the PEOPLE.*

### **THE CHURCH GROWS WHEN THE LEADERS EQUIP THE PEOPLE – v. 12**

Make the people adequate.

"Ministry leaders are not celebrities." – Pastor Billy Johnson

Are you being equipped or just being entertained?

### **THE CHURCH GROWS WHEN THE SAINTS SERVE – v. 12**

Work should be done that benefits another.

"You were not saved to sit, soak and sour." – Pastor Billy Johnson

Jesus, himself, said the greatest will be the servant.

You are to help bring others to who God ordained them to be. Help to build them up.

## **THE CHURCH GROWS WHEN SPIRITUAL MATURITY IS THE GOAL – vs. 13-15**

### Signs of Immaturity (v13)

- Will be unstable; ruthless; without direction
- Susceptible to manipulation

### Signs of Maturity (v14-15)

- Unity in the faith (must be attained).
- Unity in the spirit (must be maintained).
- Acknowledge that Jesus is THE way.

“Who do you believe Jesus is?” – Pastor Billy Johnson

- Speak the truth in love.

## **THE CHURCH GROWS WHEN EVERYONE DOES THEIR PART – v. 16**

No one is insignificant. Everyone plays a significant part.

“The goal is not just to go to church but grow as the church.” - Pastor Billy Johnson