

GROWING SOMEWHERE?
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1. growing through serving
ephesians 4

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¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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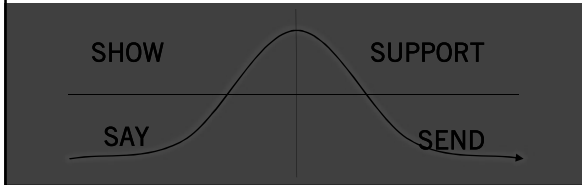
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Maturing through ministering
 Ministry is the path to maturity
 Maturity is not the path to ministry
 Every member to be a minister

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Age appropriate

Developmental steps: crawl, walk, run



1 peter 4:7-11

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- 2. each have a gift ... use it // WHO?

ephesians 2:8-10

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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5. _____
'so that in all things God may be praised'
Ephesians 4:11b
