

# Maturing in Works



**Ephesians 4:11**

- Review – “In Order to Shift We Must Mature”
- Purpose: to mature us for our next assignment, to shift.
- Goal: for us to resolve in our hearts that we will shift as mature believers.
- Lesson # 1 – The Reasons We Must Mature
- Lesson # 2 – Maturing in Love
- Lesson #3 – Maturing in Faith
- Lesson #4 – Maturing in Knowledge

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- Many have left ministries because their personal expectations have not been met.
  - We must develop and maximize our measure.
  - Effectual – energy – powerful action.
  - Effectual is talking about powerful action that is going on in the inside of us.
- Measure:
    1. To bring to full capacity.
    2. To bring to completion.
    3. To bring to highest standard of excellence.
    4. To bring to a full state of usefulness.
- We have been given a measure of grace.
  - The measure does not denote importance, but it denotes sufficiency (Eph. 4:7).
  - A visible gift does not denote a bigger measure.
  - Success of the gift is in the effectual working.
  - What we have been taught from the pulpit is to sit around “star gazing.”
  - We must look at spiritual and natural works.

**1. We must mature in spiritual works.**

- **Spiritual works – works that are under the powerful action of the indwelling Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 4:7).**
- **It is greater than your knowledge of what you can think or ask.**
- A. We must let that power bring us to a state of holiness (2 Tim. 1:6-9).**
- B. We must let that power bring us to a state of sanctification (2 Tim. 2:20-21).**
- C. We must let that power bring us to a state of righteousness (Titus 1:15-16).**

**2. I must mature in natural works (Eph. 2:5-10).**

- **Natural works – external activities that are under the powerful direction of the indwelling Holy Spirit.**
- A. All natural works will lead people to salvation.**
- B. It will edify the body of Christ.**
- C. It carries with it good stewardship.**

**3. We must forsake the dead works (Heb. 6:1).**

- A. I must forsake spiritual dead works (Heb. 6:1-6).**
- B. I must forsake natural dead works (Heb. 9:9-14).**