

ADULTING
ALL OVER THE PLACE

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Ephesians 4:11-16

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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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Maturing through ministering

Ministry is the path to maturity

Maturity is not the path to ministry

Every member to be a minister

Where and when will you start ministering?

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qualification myth

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SHOW

SUPPORT

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Punish failure? Or celebrate that they tried?

Value *PARTICIPATION* > *PERFORMANCE*

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outsource myth

“I wish I could outsource my exercise”

Cannot outsource the things you need for personal growth.

In church we tend to ‘outsource’ ministry to the 5-fold ministry.


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the feel good myth



I exercised once,
but found out
I was allergic
to it!
My skin flushed
and my heart raced.
I got sweaty
and short of breath.
Very dangerous!

I DID A PUSH-UP TODAY.



WELL, ACTUALLY
I FELL DOWN, **BUT**
I HAD TO USE MY
MY ARMS TO GET
BACK UP, SO . . .
CLOSE ENOUGH

NOW I NEED CHOCOLATE

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'if it doesn't feel good to me surely it can't be good for me'

to grow we need to go beyond our comfort zone

Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.

Philippians 2:17

Jesus' ministry was both service and sacrifice // it doesn't always feel good

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CONCLUSION

WHAT OF THESE THREE MYTHS HAVE PREVENTING YOU FROM MATURING IN YOUR FAITH?

WHAT STEPS CAN YOU TAKE TO BALANCE YOUR GIVING AND RECEIVING OF MINISTRY?

WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO MINISTER THIS YEAR?
