

Journey Church Hawaii
Pre-Launch Training (PLT) Stage Three: Branching Out in Ministry Skills
“No Longer Tossed Around”
[Ephesians 4:11-16]
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I. **Equip the Saints [Ephesians 4:11-13]**

- A. APEST: Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Shepherds (Pastors), and Teachers¹
 - 1. APOSTLES extend the gospel; catalysts [Acts 16:9-10]
 - 2. PROPHETS know God's will [1 Chron 12:32]
 - 3. EVANGELISTS lead people to Jesus and bring them to church [John 4:39-42]
 - 4. SHEPHERDS (PASTORS) nurture and protect [1 Cor 14:26; Eph 3:14-21]
 - 5. TEACHERS understand and explain [Acts 8:30-35]
- B. Equipping the Saints (Priests) for the work of ministry [Eph 2:10; 1 Pe 2:9]
- C. Build Up the Church: the people who Call Jesus Savior and Lord [Acts 20:28; 1 Pe 2:5]
- D. Goal is to be Mature and Full Grown; to be like Jesus [Phil 3:10-11]

II. **No Longer Tossed Around [Ephesians 4:14-15]**

- A. Children are constantly changing their minds about what they believe
- B. Terms
 - 1. **Tossed to and fro**: a nautical term meaning “to be tossed by the waves”; metaphorically, “to be agitated mentally”
 - 2. **Carried about**: “to carry around in circles” [Jude 10-11]
 - 3. **Every wind of doctrine**: the different teachings of philosophers or of false religious people are represented as winds, blowing the unstable soul in every direction [2 Cor 4:2]
 - 4. **Trickery**: “dice-playing”; it is in the character of deceiver to do and say whatever works at the moment to win [2 Cor 11:3]
 - 5. **the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting**: to lie in wait to deceive; a deliberate planning or system [Luke 20:23]
 - 6. Bottom Line: this is demonic in origin and execution [Eph 6:12; 1 Pe 5:8; 2 Tim 3:1-7; Matt 24:10-13]
- C. We are Called to Grow Up, Letting Go of Childish Thinking [1 Cor 13:11; 2 Tim 1:7]
 - 1. Progressive Maturity [Eph 4:13]
 - 2. Intellectual and Emotional Stability [Eph 4:14]
 - 3. Integrity [Eph 4:14]

¹ <https://theforgottenways.org/what-is-apest.aspx>

D. Key: Speak the Truth in Love

1. Jesus is the Truth [John 14:6]
2. The Bible is the Truth [2 Tim 3:16-17]
3. The Truth sets us Free [John 8:32]
4. No Fear in Love [1 John 4:18]

E. Seek and Trust in the Kingdom of God Agenda for My Life [Matt 6:33]

III. **A Church Healthy, Growing, & Full of Love; “What are We Capable of?”**
[Ephesians 4:16]

- A. Joints play a crucial role in the human body by connecting bones and allowing movement and flexibility
- B. God has set the members of the Church, each one, just as He pleased; Each of us was made by Him and for Him [1 Cor 12:18; Eph 2:10; Rev 4:9-11]
- C. When every person does their share, the church grows numerically and spiritually strong [Heb 10:24-25; Acts 2:42-47]