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TITLE: **Why Your Church Isn't Growing and Maturing** w/Alan Hirsch

Jesus gave the Church—his church, his family—everything they would need for unity, maturity, and fullness of life. And YOU are part of that gift... but maybe you missed it, and maybe you're experiencing things in your church that can be solved by re-examining what the Bible actually teaches about all of this.

Here are three key things to believe and consider about church growth, maturity and unity...

1. **Ephesians 4 and APEST is not just a leadership passage** it is for every believer. If you are a Christian you are part of the Church. The church is people. And Jesus has apportioned out various gifts to the church through his people. Not special leaders or only the "anointed ones". YOU are a gift to your church! Do you know if you are gifted as an apostle, prophet, evangelist, shepherd/pastor or teacher? Take the survey for free at the link below.
2. **Falling deeper in love with Jesus and understanding his heart, life and mission** is key to everything that leads to maturity and unity. Just reading Ephesians 4 and trying to apply Jesus' gifts and Paul's teaching academically is completely missing the point! Jesus did not give his living, breathing and Spirit-empowered gifts to fill up Sunday services. He desires that we would all reach the same fullness in life—all fo life—that he experienced with his Father!
3. **We need to believe that the church, your family, your city and all of this world need you to embrace your full identity in Christ**, and the gifts that he has given you and made you to be in the world. We will never see the whole world filled with his glory (the eternal purpose of God) unless and until we learn and embrace the authority and privilege we have been given AND act within and share these gifts with not only the church, but the world.

**Is it time to get started *really* embracing all 5 of the gifts Jesus gave his Church for unity, maturity and fullness?**

[Take the Free five-fold survey here.](#)

And as a team, this resource will get you started: [The Permanent Revolution Playbook.](#)

**Also:** If you are interested in being coached by Caesar and his wife Tina in a lifestyle of discipleship and mission, new cohorts are starting soon... Start experiencing greater spiritual freedom and relational peace today!

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