

“GROW UP & GET TO WORK!” [Part 5]

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INTRO: In our series on Ephesians, we’re going to focus on *Walking Worthy of Your Calling* in Ephesians chapter 4:1-12.

I. WALK WORTHY OF YOUR CALLING (4:1-6).

A. Paul considers himself a prisoner of the Lord (4:1a: 3:1).

1. In every circumstance we can serve God and others.

B. Paul exhorts us to walk worthy of our calling (v. 1b).

1. To be moving rather than stagnant.
2. To live and act as becomes Jesus followers.
3. To be and do what God wants you to be and do.
4. To Discover, Develop & Deploy your gifts (Jubilee Discovery Track).

C. To walk worthy of your calling is to live with humility gentleness, and longsuffering (v. 2).

D. To walk worthy of your calling is to work at maintaining spiritual unity and peace (vv. 3-6).

1. This unity requires us to die to some of our independence and self-will. Do you?

II. CHRIST’S GIFTS TO THE CHURCH (4:7-16)

A. The Gifts Jesus has Given to His Church (4:7-12).

1. Christ has given each one of us gifts by His grace (v. 7).
 - a. Our gifts have a measure/apportionment (2Cor. 10:12-15).
2. Christ gave His church gifts after His ascension (v. 8-10).
3. The five-gifts Christ gave to the church and their purpose (vv. 11-12).
 - a. Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors & teachers.
 - b. To equip God’s people for Maturity & Ministry (v. 12).

4. These gifts are still valid today.

5. These gifts are needed if the church is to be fully equipped for maturity and ministry.

6. GIFT PRINCIPLES:

CONCLUSION: Let’s walk worthy of our calling by using our gifts to serve God and others. Together our gifts demonstrate the fullness of Christ! It’s time to Grow Up and Get to Work! Are you ready? Are you willing?