

A Life of Faith- Every Day
Ephesians 4:1-16
Unity in Service

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ.”

Ephesians 4:11-12

Life Application: The body of Christ needs your contribution of service!

A little background...

- After 3 chapters of doxology (praise and thanksgiving), Paul now discusses how grace and love are used.
- Paul made no commands to the readers in chapters 1-3, but now shifts to instruction and commands.
- The theme of “walking” or “living” will be seen through chapters 4 and 5.

Point: We are to walk worthy of our calling to serve one another.

“And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.”

Colossians 1:10 (NIV)

How we serve:

v. 2 “...with all humility...”

v. 11 “And he gave some to be...”

v. 15 “...speaking the truth...”

Why we serve:

v. 3 “... (for) unity...”

v. 12 “to equip...”

v. 16 “builds...in love”

We serve one another through humility, gentleness, patience and love because Christ loved us first.

Point: It is time to grow up and use our gifts to help the body of Christ grow strong.

“It was he who gave some to be...to prepare God’s people for works of service...and become mature...growing up into him who is the Head.”

Ephesians 4:11, 12, 13, 15

Personal Application...

Finish this sentence: I am using my spiritual gifts to serve others by _____.

Challenge...

Do you know your spiritual gifts? If so, are you using them to serve? If not, why? Find out what they are and how to use them today!

Sermon by Pastor Dave Williams on Sunday, April 12th, 2015

Next week: Ephesians 4:17-32 New Life