

Ephesians Handout
Week Nineteen

Review:

The purpose of the gifts:

11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

Is everything done by the small select group?

Why is this a radical concept?

Is there still a distinct pastoral ministry?

Equipping (katartizo) of the saints.

Mat. 4:21, Lk. 6:40, 1 Thes. 3:10

Example-

What are we equipped for?

--the work of service

How high a calling is this? Mk. 10:45

--to the building up (architectural word) of the body of Christ

Is everyone building up the body or just the first group or just the second group?

Gal. 5:13, Rom. 15:14, Col. 3:12, 1 Thes. 5:11, Heb. 10:24

What does "building up" mean? Internal or external?

How long do we do this work? What are we building toward?

13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Outline: Walking worthy of our calling means always showing charity(grace) in pursuit of unity of the body, built up by the diversity of the gifts until we reach maturity in line with the fullness of Christ Himself.

Until:

We all: Rom. 8:29

Until we all attain to the unity of the faith.

One body centered on...

"the knowledge of the Son of God"

Communion 1 Cor. 11:23, 1 Cor. 12:27

Back to Ephesians...

Knowledge makes us a *mature* man, not an *old* man. The standard of measure is _____.

What does that look like?

14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery (dice) of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

Signs of maturity—

1. No longer children. Duh.

Not selfish 1 Cor. 3:1

Not self-centered/proud.

Not ignorant

Jude 1:11

Balaam

Korah

reefs

Clouds without water

trees without fruit

foam

Not gullible

Craftiness, trickery:

Isa. 53:2

Deceitful scheming:

It's not about new _____. It's about being new _____.

Questions to consider for walking worthy.

Is what I am saying and doing showing forth the humble, patient, longsuffering God I know and believe in?

Is what I am doing, how I am using my gift helping to build up the body of Christ. Am I serving and building toward a unity of the faith centered on the knowledge of Jesus.

2. Resembling Jesus

15 but speaking/confessing the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects (thoroughly, in every way) into Him who is the head, even Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint (ligament/lines of connection) supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

Rather than falling victim to lies spoken deceitfully for harm. We are to actively speak truth in love for the good.

Aletheuontes: truthing *being* true

What is the epitome of truth and love that we speak?

Not a balance, but 100% of both all the time.

Isa. 53:6

V. 15 Three things important for maturity

The message:

the manner delivered:

the motive:

Source:

Means: "proper working of each individual part"

Col. 4:14

Every joint:

We grow *into Him*:

Built in love: Eph. 4:2, Eph. 3:17, Eph. 1:4-5, Eph. 5:1-2, Jn. 13:34

Acts 20:26

Rev 2:2

Discussion

Of the two-part instruction for maturing, which one are you weak on, truthing or loving?

This is your first practical step.

Rev. 2: Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first

What is your next practical step?