

Ephesians 4:11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.:12 Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.:13 This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.:14 Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever, they sound like the truth.:15 Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.:16 He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

REVIEW

Ephesians 4:1 Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.:2 Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.:3 Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.:4 For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.:5 There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,6 one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all.

U - Understand your call.

N - Niceness matters. Humility

I - Identify your needs. Needs and values assessments

Bear with love, don't be overbearing.

T- Tension can be healthy.

Y - You are One in Christ.

GROWING UP IS COMPLICATED BUT SIMPLE. WE FACE CHALLENGES IN LIFE AND WE WANT TO FIX OURSELVES. WE TRY TO FIGURE OUT IF IT'S A SPIRITUAL PROBLEM, A PHYSICAL PROBLEM OR AN EMOTIONAL PROBLEM. BASED ON OUR CONCLUSIONS, THAT DETERMINES WHO WE WILL CALL... PASTOR, COUNSELOR, DOCTOR, ETC.

BUT MOST OF THE CHALLENGES ARE MATURITY ISSUES AND WE HAVE TO BE COMMITTED TO GROWING UP.

WHERE AM I IMMATURE? WHAT ARE MY ISSUES? WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

GROWING UP - BECOMING LIKE GOD

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INCOMMUNICABLE ATTRIBUTES**

**Omniscient
Infinite
Omnipotent
Omnipresent
Immutable**

COMMUNICABLE

**Just
Holy
Righteous
Faithful
Loving**

GOD DOES WELL...**

**Bonds with People
Separates from People
Sorts Out Issues of Good and Bad
Take Charge as an Adult**

HOW MANY OF US ARE MARRIED TO PEOPLE WE AREN'T BONDED TO? RAISING KIDS WITH NO REAL BOND BEYOND PROVISION? HOW MANY OF US ARE CONNECTED TO PEOPLE THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE CONNECTED TO?

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THE COMBINATION OF GRACE, TRUTH AND TIME IS THE KEY TO GROWTH!

**** the longest distance between any two points is the shortcut.****

1. KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS

- SYSTEMATIC STUDY OF SCRIPTURE**
- ACCOUNTABILITY IN COMMUNITY**
- OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

2. STOP ACTING LIKE CHILDREN

- EASILY MOVED BY EVERYTHING THEY HEAR**
- TRICKED BY THE PHILOSOPHIES OF MEN**
- SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE**

3. GROWING UP IN EVERY WAY

- SPIRITUAL**
- EMOTIONAL**
- PRACTICAL**