

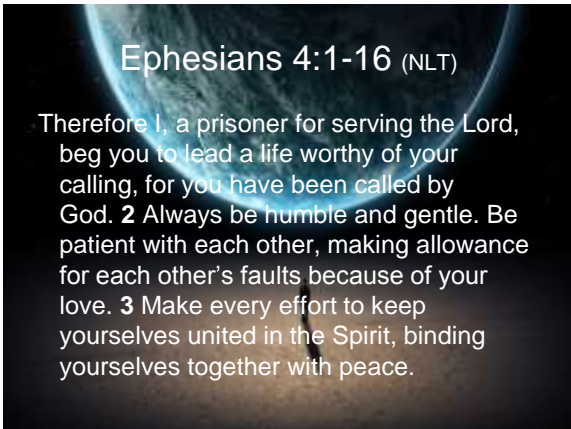
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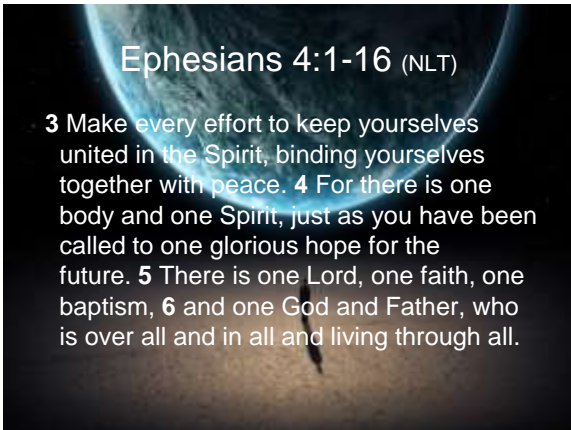


Stewardship From the Kingdom Perspective



Ephesians 4:1-16 (NLT)

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.



Ephesians 4:1-16 (NLT)

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** and one God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all.

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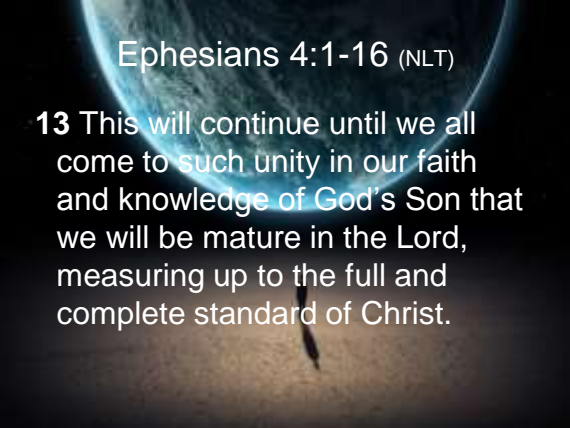
7 However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ. 8 That is why the Scriptures say, "When he ascended to the heights, he led a crowd of captives and gave gifts to his people."

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9 Notice that it says "he ascended." This clearly means that Christ also descended to our lowly world. 10 And the same one who descended is the one who ascended higher than all the heavens, so that he might fill the entire universe with himself.

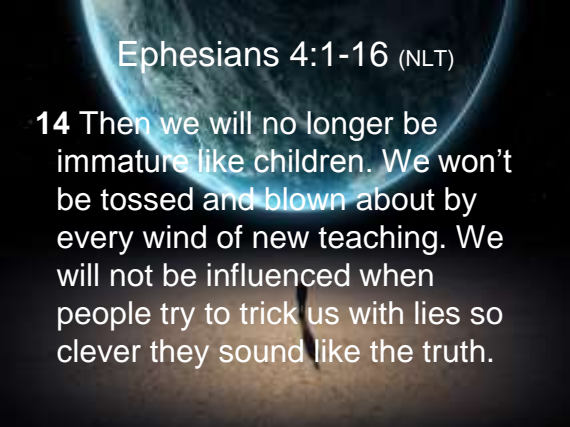
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Ephesians 4:1-16 (NLT)

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.

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Who are the "Ministers"
in the church?

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We are all His
"Ministers" to this
broken world!

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

10 For we are God's
handiwork, created in Christ
Jesus to do good works, which
God prepared in advance for
us to do.

I. God's Coaches: The Pastors.

We learn and grow in
Christ as we
participate with Christ!

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Challenge Questions:

1. How have you been personally learning and growing in Christ lately?
2. How are you investing in God's Kingdom personally?

**II. God's Goal for us and our
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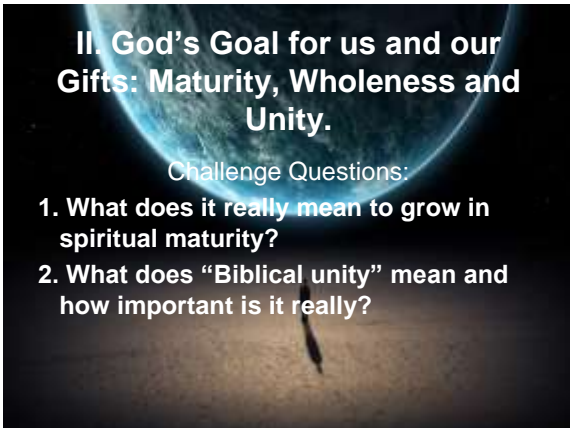
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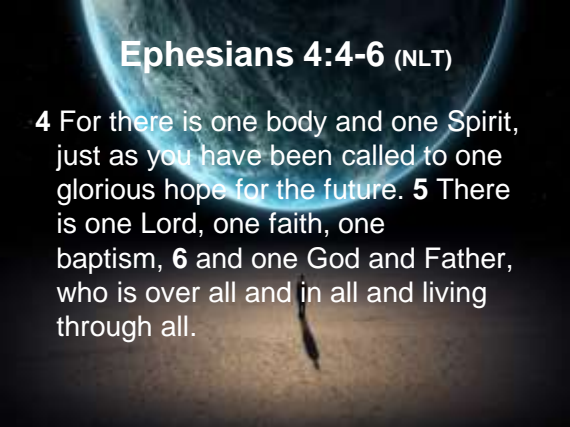
Challenge Questions:

1. What does it really mean to grow in spiritual maturity?
2. What does "Biblical unity" mean and how important is it really?





III. God's Perspective: The Kingdom.



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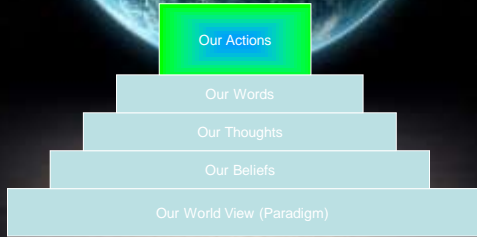
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“We can not solve our problems with the same level of thinking that created them”

~Albert Einstein

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Matthew 15:1-20



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The Ladder of Christian Maturity:

SELF FOCUSED PERSPECTIVE (WORLD VIEW)

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Challenge Questions:

1. What level do you tend to live on?
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Challenge Questions:

- * How have you been personally learning and growing in Christ lately?
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- * What level do you tend to live on?
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- * What is God asking you to change or do NOW?
