

“LIVING WORTHY OF THE CALLING”

SERMON NOTES

Ephesians 4:1-6

1. Live Worthy of the Calling (v. 1)

Prisoner of the Lord –

I urge you –

Live/walk worthy –

Calling –

See Phil 1:27-28; Col 1:9-10; 1 Thess 2:1-12

2. Preserve Unity in the Body (vv. 2-3)

We are relational beings given relational commands – Mt 22:37-40; Jn 13, 15

We also have the sinful flesh so are prone to CONFLICT

Humility –

(see 1 Cor 15:10a)

Gentleness –

(see Mt 11:29)

Patience –

(see Jas 5:7-11; 2 Pt 3:9; Jas 4:1-3)

Forbearance –

(see Isa 1:13; 42:14; 63:15; 64:12; Job 6:11, 26)

Making Every Effort –

Called to be at peace but not at the cost of _____.

(see Rom 12:18)

3. Remember the Basis for Unity (vv. 4-6)

Dealing with Conflict:

- Determine the conflict's source – pride/selfishness (Jas 4:1-10); unforgiven sin (Mt 18:15-35)
- Develop the proper heart attitude – the qualities we've just talked about here
- Evaluate your part in the conflict (Acts 7:1-5)
- Voice your concern with the party/ies involved (Mt 18:45) – not in accusation but in love
- Seek mediation with the help of a friend if this doesn't succeed (Mt 18:16)