

EPHESIANS 4:1-16

A Worthy Walk For Unworthy People From Ephesians 4:1-16





Introduction: Called to Walk Worthy V1

A worthy gospel for unworthy people

An urgent plea to walk worthy

Three Ways to Walk Worthy: Overview

1 Walk With

² Walk In

Walk Toward

OneAnother

YourMinistry

Maturityin Christ

1. Walk With - One Another vv2-6



Qualities of: Humility, Gentleness, and Patience



Bearing With One Another



Peace as Our Bond

One Body

One Spirit

One Hope

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One God



2. Walk In - Your Ministry vv7-12



EQUIPPING FUTURE PASTORS

PASTORS EQUIPPING NEXT GENERATION LEADERS

DEACONS AND LEADERS EQUIPPING MEMBERS

MEMBERS BEING WILLING TO SERVE

The traditional model is that of the pyramid, with the pastor perched precariously on its pinnacle, like a little pope in his own church, while the laity are arrayed beneath him in ranks of inferiority. It is an unbiblical image, because the New Testament envisions not a single pastor with a docile flock but both a plural oversight and an every-member ministry.

-John Stott

3. Walk Toward - Maturity in Christ



Spiritual Infancy

"...tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine" (v.14)

Growing Process

"Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way..." (v.15)

Full Maturity

"...to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (v.13)



"Truth becomes hard if it is not softened by love; love becomes soft if it is not strengthened by truth. Speaking the truth in love is not optional; it is the very essence of Christian maturity."

-John Stott, The Message of Ephesians

Application: Take One Step Today

Evaluate Your Unity

How do you maintain peace and humility?

- Are there relationships that need reconciliation?
- Do you practice patience with others?

Evaluate Your Ministry

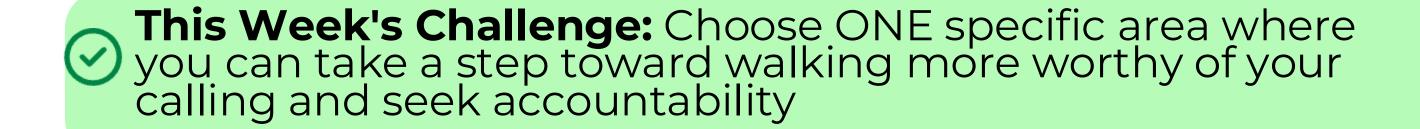
Are you using your gifts to serve others?

- Are you actively involved in serving?
- What one step could you take to serve?

Evaluate Your Maturity

Are you growing deeper in Christ?

- Do you speak truth in love?
- Do you practice what you preach?





"Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the **LORD? Now** therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak."