

Unity and Peace to Live Out a God-Sized Vision (Part 1)

Ephesians 4:1-3

Ephesians: The Riches of His Grace

*I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,
3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

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“Worthy of” is from a Greek word that means to weigh the same as, to balance with, to be in keeping with, to match up to, **to be consistent with.**

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who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 2 Timothy 1:9

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What kind of characteristics does the gospel produce in a person?

² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

v. 2-3

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- Humility

Humility is having a low estimation of yourself;
Low SELF-esteem, but high GOD-esteem.

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- Humility
- Gentleness

Gentleness is the opposite of violence, vengeance, or self-defense. It's the ability to respond to circumstances without self-will, but instead with submission to the Holy Spirit.

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“You’re a selfish, evil,
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“How dare you insult me like that!!!”.

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The gospel already said something similar to that about me,
that I was...

*...following the course of this world, following the prince of the
power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of
disobedience—³ among whom we all once lived in the
passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and
the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of
mankind.*

⁴ But God...

Ephesians 2:2-4

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The vision can only be lived out in action if we maintain the union the Spirit gave us.

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