



How to Be You

Part 2

6/6/21

Focus passage: Ephesians 4:11-32

¹¹And He gave

some as apostles,
and some as prophets,
and some as evangelists,
and some as pastors and teachers,

¹²for the equipping of the saints

for the work of service,
to the building up of the body of Christ;

¹³until we all attain

to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God,
to a mature man,
to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.

¹⁴As a result,

we are no longer to be children,
tossed here and there by waves,
and carried about
by every wind of doctrine,
by the trickery of men,
by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

¹⁵but

speaking the truth in love,
we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him, who is the head, *even* Christ,

¹⁶from whom the whole body,

being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies,
according to the proper working of each individual part,
causes the growth of the body
for the building up of itself in love.

¹⁷This I say therefore, and affirm together with the Lord,

that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk,
in the futility of their mind,

¹⁸being darkened in their understanding,

excluded from the life of God,
because of the ignorance that is in them,
because of the hardness of their heart;

¹⁹and they,

having become callous,
have given themselves over to sensuality,
for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

²⁰ But you did not learn Christ in this way,
²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him,
just as truth is in Jesus,
²² that, in reference to your former manner of life,
you lay aside the old self,
which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,
²³ and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,
²⁴ and put on the new self,
which in *the likeness of God* has been created
in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

²⁵ Therefore,
laying aside falsehood,
speak truth, each one *of you*, with his neighbor,
for we are members of one another.

²⁶ Be angry, and *yet* do not sin;
do not let the sun go down on your anger,
²⁷ and do not give the devil an opportunity.

²⁸ Let him who steals steal no longer; but rather let him labor,
performing with his own hands what is good,
in order that he may have *something* to share with him who has need.

²⁹ Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth,
but only such *a word* as is good for edification
according to the need *of the moment*,
that it may give grace to those who hear.

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,
by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander
be put away from you, along with all malice.

³² And be kind to one another, tender-hearted,
forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

Other helpful passages

Colossians 3:5 ...consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

⁶ For it is on account of these things that the wrath of God will come,

⁷ and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them.

⁸ But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, *and* abusive speech from your mouth.

⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil* practices,

¹⁰ and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him

¹¹ -- *a renewal* in which there is no *distinction between* Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

¹² And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

¹⁴ And beyond all these things *put on* love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

Galatians 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

¹⁷ For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

¹⁹ Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,

²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,

²¹ envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

²⁴ Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

²⁶ Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

All Scripture is from the NASV. The focus passage is in the form of a phrase by phrase break down. The words and the word order are unchanged.