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Community Commands

Accept One Another

Ephesians 4:2

Ephesians 4:1-3 (Key Verse in CAPS)

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to walk worthy of the calling you have received, WITH ALL HUMILITY AND GENTLENESS, WITH PATIENCE, ACCEPTING ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE, diligently keeping the unity of the Spirit with the peace that binds [us].

How is it possible to “walk worthily” with “all lowliness”? Meekness is the foundation of all virtue. If you are humble and are aware of your limits and remember how you were saved, you will take this recollection as the motive for every excellent moral behavior.

You will not be excessively impressed with either chains or privileges. You will remember that all is of grace and so walk humbly. . . .

With all lowliness, he says not in words only or even in deeds but more so in the very manner and tone of your voice.

And not meek toward one person and rude toward another but humble toward everyone, whether enemy or friend, great or small.

Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, 398-407
Homily on the Ephesians 9.4.1-3

The Long Stride for Humility

_____ humble, _____ of mind

Philippians 2:3-8

Jesus didn't play by rules of the _____ of His society. Humility was a demonstration of _____ in his world arena.

But for Jesus humility was a proof of the _____ of holy character. As eternal God, he _____ himself to temporal flesh. As God with power to _____ the universe he lowered himself to a man who was _____ by his creation.

Our _____ is removed from the formula that promotes _____ in God's society, the church.

The Long Stride for Gentleness

_____, the quality of _____

Galatians 5:22, 23

_____ is not synonym for _____.

Anyone can exert mastery of will over _____, but only a person of strong character can exert mastery over _____. One exerts control over his will to _____ the kingdom alongside fellow Christians.

The Long Stride for Patience Acceptance

patient, _____, “_____”

We are to be _____ toward each other, and not _____.

Patience for one another _____ one another's uniqueness, weaknesses, and faults and allows them to have personal _____.

Remember, our purpose as Christians is to _____
people, not to _____ people.

The Long Stride for Love

_____ love, _____ love, love that acts toward someone
without _____, nor requirement of

1 Corinthians 13:13

Faith in God's faithfulness to us right now moves us to act right
now, but when Jesus returns, faith will become _____.
Hope in God's faithfulness to us in eternity (salvation) moves us to
act now with anticipation for the future, but when Jesus returns,
our hope will be _____.

Love for God's person moves us to act now, but when Jesus
returns, our reward of glory will _____ not _____
our love.

What do I do with this?

Ephesians 4:1-3

When a person accepts Jesus Christ as _____, is
_____ into Jesus, yields his/her life in _____ to
Jesus, and patiently _____ in love with
humble meekness... that person becomes one with _____,
becomes one with Jesus' body the _____, and becomes one
with _____.

Unity in the body of Christ is not our choice, it is our nature.