

Ephesians 4:1-7,11-16

Walk (DISCIPLESHIP)

(ADVERBIAL) in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

²with all humility and gentleness, with patience,

bearing with one another in love,

(RESULT) ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

(PICTURE) ⁴There is one body and one Spirit

—just as you were called to the one hope
that belongs to your call—

⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

⁶one God and Father of all,

who is over all and through all and in all.

(YOUR WALK)

⁷But grace [A SPECIFIC GIFT] was given to each one of us
according to the measure of Christ's gift.

(ONE KIND OF WALKING)

¹¹ And he gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets,
some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,

¹²to equip the saints (A SPECIFIC ROLE TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS IN THEIR WALK)

for the work of ministry, (ADVERBIAL)

for building up the body of Christ, (according to your specific walk)

¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith
and of the knowledge of the Son of God,

to mature manhood,

to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

¹⁴so that we may no longer be children,
tossed to and fro by the waves

and carried about by every wind of doctrine,
by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love,

we are to grow up in every way

into him who is the head, into Christ,

¹⁶from whom the whole body,

joined and held together by every joint

with which it is equipped,

when each part is working properly,

makes the body grow

so that it builds itself up in love.