

**A Life Worth Living**  
**Part Three: A Worthy Church**  
**Ephesians 4:1-16**  
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**1. To live worthy of our calling, we must protect unity in our church – 4:1-6**

- Worthy living: behavior that God deserves - 2 Samuel 22:4; 1 Thessalonians 2:12
- Five things necessary to protect unity:
  - Humble thinking.
  - Meekness.
  - Endurance.
  - Putting up with others because we love them
  - Looking for opportunities to be a peacemaker.

**2. One purpose of the church is to promote spiritual growth – 4:7-13**

- God gave gifts to every believer.
  - These gifts refer to the riches of God's grace.
  - This was accomplished through His incarnation, death and resurrection.
- God gave certain people as gifts to the church
  - First century foundational gifts – apostles and prophets – Ephesians 2:20.
  - Ongoing development gifts – evangelists and pastor/teachers.

**3. Mature Christians will work together to edify the church – 4:14-16**

- They won't settle for spiritual immaturity – 1 Corinthians 3:2-3.
- They will function as a self-growing body of believers
  - Lovingly speaking the truth.
  - Edifying each other as they serve God together – Galatians 5:13-15; Galatians 6:10; Romans 12:10.