

Serve One Another (Ephesians 4:1-16)

Goals 2013 – Part 4

Life Church St. Louis – January 27, 2013

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1 Corinthians 12:12 (NIV) *The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.*

1. Live a _____ life

Ephesians 4:1 (NIV) *As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.*

A. Demonstrate Jesus' _____

Ephesians 4:2 (NIV) *Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.*

B. Keep _____ in the church

Ephesians 4:3 (NIV) *Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

2. Recognize God's _____

Ephesians 4:7 (NIV) *But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.*

A. Spiritual leaders are God's _____

Ephesians 4:11 (NIV) *It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,*

B. Be _____ for service

Ephesians 4:12 (NIV) *to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up*

C. Expect to _____ more like Jesus

Ephesians 4:13 (NIV) *until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

3. Serving brings _____

Ephesians 4:14 (NIV) *Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.*

A. Serving leads to _____ growth

Ephesians 4:15 (NIV) *Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.*

B. Serving leads to _____ growth

Ephesians 4:16 (NIV) *From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*

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Intro. How is the human body an illustration of the body of Christ, the church (1 Corinthians 12:12)?

In what ways is the function of the church body different from our culture's concept of individualism?

Why do you think some people have difficulty in making and keeping a commitment to a church family?

1A. How would you describe living a life worthy of God's calling on your life (Ephesians 4:1)?

1B. Why are the commands of Ephesians 4:2 necessary to maintain unity in the church body?

1C. Describe in your own words what "make every effort to keep unity" means in Ephesians 4:3.

2A. Why has Christ given each believer grace gifts (Ephesians 4:7)?

2B. How are spiritual leaders God's gift to the church (Ephesians 4:11)?

2C. How can you benefit from the ministry of spiritual leaders in your life (Ephesians 4:12-13)?

3A. What are the problems involved in not maturing spiritually (Ephesians 4:14)?

3B. How can you grow in "speaking the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15)? What hinders you?

3C. Why is it important for each part of the church body to serve one another (Ephesians 4:16)?

3D. What ways can you grow in serving one another in your church?