

SERMON NOTES

“How to Live Up to Your Calling”

Ephesians 4:1-16

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Today we begin the second half of Ephesians

- **Ephesians 1-3: What God has done for us**
- **Ephesians 4-6: What we do in response**

1. The way to live up to your calling is to protect the unity of the Spirit (1-6)

- **The appeal → *four practices***

Humility

Gentleness

Patience

Loving forbearance

- **The basis → *seven building blocks***

One body

One Spirit

One hope

One Lord

One faith

One baptism

One Father

2. The way to live up to your calling is to work together to build up the church (7-16)

- **God has graciously given gifts to his people through the ascension of Christ (7-10)**
- **God has given leaders to equip his people to use their gifts in building up the church (11-16)**

THREE GOALS

Unity (13a)

Maturity (13b)

Fullness (13c)

PROGRESS MARKERS

Cooperation (16)

Stability (14)

Christlikeness (15)

BIG IDEA: *The way to live up to our calling is to protect the unity of the Spirit and to work together to build up the church.*