

Growing Together in the Body



Ephesians 4:13-16

Walking in Unity..

- Loving attitudes.. vs 1-3
- Oneness of truth.. vs 4-6
- Using our gifts.. vs 7-12

God's Gifts to the Church

- Apostles
 - Prophets
 - Evangelists
 - Pastors
 - Teachers
- Equipping of the saints
 - For the work of service
 - For the building up of the body

1 Maturity

- ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ..
 - Unity of the faith
 - Christlike fullness

2 Stability

- ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting..
 - Well grounded
 - Not easily deceived

3 Right Balance

- ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—
 - Passion for truth
 - Love for others

4 Cooperation

- ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.
 - All parts operating properly
 - Living and working in harmony

God wants His church to enjoy unity..

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- Using our gifts.. vs 7-12
- Maturing in growth.. vs 13-16

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