

CHRISTIANS UNDER CONSTRUCTION - PHASE TWO
God's Building Plans for His Kingdom People

THE WORTHY LIFE

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UNITY– GOD'S GIFT AND GOD'S PRIORITY

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CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

Being God's Light in the World's Darkness - Ephesians 5:1-14
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WISDOM WHEN YOU NEED IT

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GOD'S WORD TO HUSBANDS, GOD'S WORD TO WIVES

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THE CHARACTER OF A GODLY FAMILY

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OUR TERRIBLE ENEMY

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OUR SHINING ARMOR

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INTRODUCTION

Jude 20-21 (The Message)

But you, dear friends, carefully **build yourselves up** in this most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 staying right at the center of God's love, keeping your arms open and outstretched, ready for the mercy of our Master, Jesus Christ. This is the unending life, the real life!

In Your Bible:
Ephesians 4:1-2

A Key Principle of Life:

_____ *Should Equal* _____!

Our Theme for This Ministry Year:

REIGNING DOWN, RAINING DOWN
*Lifting Up Our Hearts and Lives to Christ So That He Might Reign
Down His Powerful Presence Among Us and Through Us*

Four Outputs of "The Worthy Life":

I. _____ (v. 2a)

Philippians 2:3-5

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but **in humility** consider others better than yourselves. 4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus...

Philippians 2:3-5 (The Message)

Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. 4 Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand. 5 Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself...

II. _____ (v. 2b)

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for **I am gentle** and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Numbers 12:3 (RSV)

Now the man Moses was **very meek**, more than all men that were on the face of the earth.

Gentleness:
Strength Under Control

III. _____ (v. 2c)

Galatians 5:22a

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, **patience**...

Romans 5:1-4

So now, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith in his promises, we can have real peace with him because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. 2 For because of our faith, he has brought us into this place of highest privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to actually becoming all that God has had in mind for us to be. 3 We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us—**they help us learn to be patient.**

IV. _____ (v. 2d)

Romans 15:1

We who are strong ought to **bear with** the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves.

CONCLUSION

C. S. Lewis:

Imagine yourself a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on...But presently He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of—throwing up a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were going to be made into a decent little cottage; but He is building a palace!