



## Trouble Shooting

*If a baby Christian can get blow back and forth by bad teachings and crafty schemers, whose only intent is to deceive, what does a mature fully grown up Christian look like?*

▶ *How important and how much effort do you put into keeping the unity of the Spirit?*

▶ *Of the 4 qualities listed in verse 2,*

*\*Which one(s) are in early developmental stages?*

*\*Which ones are in more mature development in your life?*

*What relationship would in your life would profit most from your taking the time and effort of growing up one or more of those characteristics of verse 2?*

*Unity “in Christ” is at the heart of this entire epistle. Emphasis is on the number one. List the 7 descriptions of oneness in Ephesians 4:4-6. Star the one or two that mean the most to you.*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

*From what you have read here, how could you better understand that you can't be a Christian in isolation?*

*Does your participation in the Body of Christ bring more unity or disunity to the body?*

*What are some of the gifts you bring to the table to build up the body?*

### **Closing Prayer**

*Most high and holy God, pour out upon us your one and unifying Spirit, and help me to take an active role in bringing unity and togetherness in all my relations especially with my church. In Jesus name. Amen.*

## Owners Manual For Our Personal Walk with Jesus

*Ephesians 4:1-16*

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### Assembling

### Body Building

*Sit down and read the first 16 verses of chapter 4.*

*What are some of the words or phrases that jump out at you?*

*If you were a betting person, what would you lay money down on as to what was going on the prompted Paul to offer the counsel he is giving?*

### Operating Instructions

*Read Ephesians 4:1 as well as 3:1. What word repeated in these 2 passages gives a clue as to Paul's situation at the time he wrote this letter?*

*Paul wants to see these people grow up in the faith.*

▶ *What are some examples of spiritual immaturity in people's personal lives?*

▶ *What would be some examples of spiritual immaturity in a congregation's life together?*

▶ *How would each of the qualities in verses 2-3 help the believer demonstrate Paul's call to unity?*

▶ *Why would Paul urge his friends to “make every effort to . . . .”?*

▶ *What is the purpose of the various gifts mentioned in verses 8-13?*

▶ *Why do you suppose Paul put truth and love together, especially in regard to our speech?*