

## Kingdom Character Lesson #3

### ★ Ephesians 4:1-6

*Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, <sup>3</sup> being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.*

<b>BEFORE</b> FORMERLY FAR OFF	<b>AFTER</b> BROUGHT NEAR BY BLOOD OF CHRIST (CROSS)
Dead in trespasses and sins Slaves to... The world, the flesh, the devil	Alive with Christ Raised with Christ Seated with Christ
Separated from Christ No country No covenants No hope No God	Enmity abolished One new man Reconciled to each other Reconciled to God Access to God

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Strangers and Aliens	Fellow Citizens Family of God Temple of God Dwelling of
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☉ We are no longer S and aliens.

☉ **Therefore** marks the transition from P to P truth,  
from P to P.

Websters dictionary defines prisoner as:

**A Person Deprived Of Liberty And Kept Under Involuntary  
Restraint, Confinement, Or Custody.**

*“Paul ”is a “prisoner of the Lord.” He is a prisoner because of his position in Christ. Isn’t it interesting that Paul can be seated in the heavenlies in Christ and can also be seated in a prison because he was a witness for Christ to the Gentiles?” -J Vernon McGee*

☉ Paul’s divine purpose gave him an E perspective on his afflictions.

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### **The Prisoner of the Lord**

The great Apostle called himself  
"The prisoner of the Lord;"  
He was not held by Roman chains  
Nor kept in Caesar's ward;

Constrained by love alone,  
By cords of kindness bound,  
The bondsman of the living Christ,  
True liberty he found.

Oh, happy those who see  
In poverty and pain,  
In weakness and in toil,  
Their Father's golden chain;

Who feel no prison walls  
Though shut in narrow ways,  
And though in darkness fettered fast  
Can still rejoice and praise;

From sin's dread bondage bought,  
They own their Master's ward,  
They bear the brand of Christ,  
Blest prisoners of the Lord!  
--Annie Johnson Flint

☉ Implore is the Greek word **PARAKALEO** which means, "To come alongside and E\_\_\_\_\_."

☉ Paul is saying in essence that truth demands an A\_\_\_\_\_ response.

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☉ Paul wants his readers to clearly understand that the purpose of correct knowledge is right **conduct** --not S\_\_\_\_\_sinners but S\_\_\_\_\_ sinners more like their Savior.

☉ **AXIOS** means having the W\_\_\_\_\_ of another thing and so being of like value or worth as much.



☉ Paul is pleading with the Ephesians to demonstrate a balance between their P\_\_\_\_\_ and their P\_\_\_\_\_.

☉ The only way to "balance" our *profession* and *practice* is to renounce our self-reliance and rely wholly on the Holy Spirit to give us both the D\_\_\_\_\_ and P\_\_\_\_\_ to live like Jesus.

### ★ Ephesians 4:2-3

*<sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, <sup>3</sup>being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

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<sup>2</sup>*[Living as becomes you] with complete lowliness of mind (humility) and meekness (unselfishness, gentleness, mildness), with patience, bearing with one another and making allowances because you love one another.*

☉ Paul starts with HUMILITY and GENTLENESS.

Humility is the Greek Word **TAPEINOPHROSUNE**.

**TAPEINOS**: Low lying + **PHREN**:to think

☉ **TAPEINOPHORSUNE** (Humility) means putting Christ first, others second, and self L\_\_\_\_\_.

☉ Paul knows that humility P\_\_\_\_\_ unity but that pride promotes disunity.

Gentleness is the Greek word **PRAUTES**.

☉ Gentleness is a quality of gentle F\_\_\_\_\_.

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☉ Gentleness is the opposite of self-assertion, R\_\_\_\_\_, and harshness.

**“It Is The Attitude That Submits To God’s Dealings Without Rebellion, And To Man’s Unkindness Without Retaliation.”**

*“Gentleness relates to the manner in which we receive injuries. We are to bear them patiently, and not to retaliate, or seek revenge. The meaning here is, that we adorn the gospel when we show its power in enabling us to bear injuries without anger or a desire of revenge, or with a mild and forgiving spirit.” -Albert Barnes*

**with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love,**

### ***MAKROTHUMIA***

**MAKROS:** long, distant, far off + **THUMOS:** temper (burn with intense anger), passion, emotion.

☉ **MAKAROTHUMIA** is literally being L\_\_\_\_\_-tempered as opposed to short-tempered.

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☉ Supernatural love is A love.

### ★ Ephesians 4:3

*<sup>3</sup> being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

☉ Being diligent conveys the idea hastening to do something with I effort and motivation.

☉ Let me just say, unity is not U.

### ★ Ephesians 4:4-6

*<sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.*

**Kingdom Character Is Walking In Light Of That Truth!**