

# Godliness Begins At...Where?

*Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 80*

*Ephesians 4:2a*

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4:1 Therefore I urge you — I, the prisoner in the Lord — to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called, <sup>2</sup>with all humble-mindedness and gentleness, with long-suffering,

bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>doing *your* utmost<sup>1</sup> to keep the unity *provided* by<sup>2</sup> the Spirit in the bond of peace:... [Ephesians 4:1-3  
*DJP*]

## Intro:

### I. The \_\_\_\_\_ Picture

#### A. Paul's Main Thought: \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 1-16)

1. First, by preserving what we've been given (vv. 1-6)
2. Then, by pursuing the same goal (vv. 7-16)

#### B. Paul's Immediate Focus, Backwards (vv. 1-6)

1. God has given us sufficient **basis** for unity (vv. 4-6)
2. So our job is not to create, but to **maintain** that unity (vv. 1-3)

#### C. Paul's Great Charge: How to Walk Worthily (vv. 1-3)

1. **First:** now we know that a worthy walk is about the \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Then,** we see that worthy walk broken down thus
  - a. Two "with" + noun clauses (v. 2a)
  - b. Two "-ing" + preposition clauses (vv. 2b-3)
  - c. The longer, climactic clause is the point

### II. "With All..." (v. 2a)

#### A. "Humble-Mindedness" [*tapeinophrosunē*; tah-pay-no-fro-soo-nay]

1. Cultural backdrop
  - a. In *Paul's* day
  - b. In *our* day

1 Peter \_\_:6a

Romans \_\_:10b

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<sup>1</sup> Or *being diligent*, or *showing urgency*.

<sup>2</sup> Literally *of*, denoting origin or source or authorship.

2. Understood
  - a. By its *opposites*
    - i. Philippians \_\_\_\_:3
      - (1) “Selfish ambition”
      - (2) “Conceit”
    - ii. 1 Peter \_\_\_\_:5b
  - b. By its *example*: Philippians \_\_\_\_:2-8
3. What we learn
4. Applied

**B. “And [With All] Gentleness [*prautēs; prow-tace*]”**

1. Understood
  - a. By *usage*
    - i. Idea
    - ii. Classical Greek
    - iii. Paul: Galatians \_\_\_\_:1
    - iv. Above all: Matthew \_\_\_\_:28–30
2. What we learn
3. Applied

**III. “With Long-Suffering [*makrothumia, mah-cro-theu-mee-ah*]”**

**A. The Word**

Exodus \_\_\_\_:6

**B. The Implication**

**C. The Application**