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Therefore, you must,

1. Love Souls



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- 4. You must be truly born again.



Philippians 1:27, what does He want to see?

- That we are still active in the word
- Working together (common goals & identity)
- <u>In all circumstances</u>, lives lived worthy of the gospel
- Worthy of the gospel = striving together for the faith of the gospel
- See the gospel of Christ
 - Convictions, what are you living for, sense of morality
 - Growth in believers that includes spread to unbelievers
 - Will live without recognition
 - Verbally repeat the gospel
 - Obedience without legalism (willingly obeying Christ), so when you disobey there is a way back
 - If you merely follow "what we/they do/say", we follow Christ
 - Rescued from Wrath gives you a bond of gratitude
 - Accountability
 - Willing to share what you have
- Together, all knowing their part and working together worthy of and for the gospel
- Focus on the gospel, learning, working together no matter what



1 Thessalonians 1: 1-3, 6-10, what's on display?

- Receiving the Word in face of persecution with joy
- It is to be public when you put away your idols
- They follow God so much that THAT was what people were talking about them
- Known by their actions of worship and service together
- People sharing their identity with God together
- We are on display, and we want people to see that we are glad to talk about God
- Show the value of God's word by longing for, sacrificing for, and carefully listening to God's word. They do this with great joy
- Through verbal abuse, exclusion, lose jobs, bad things done to people you care about
 - 1. God's word was priceless and followed relentlessly
 - 2. Alive- noisy in their Christian living (more responsible, more love, more sacrifice, more hope, b/c you are following Christ)
 - 3. Always looking higher and always looking farther for what God will build. Hope of what God promises



Romans 15:5-7 what's on display?

- Welcoming
- One mind/voice
- Recognizing and strengthening weak links to unity
- Unity that includes all God brings to Himself, living together in way that God is glorified because all are looking to God to accomplish this unity



I Peter 2:9-12, what's on display?

- A priceless identity
- All those chosen are grateful to the one who called them and sing His praises
- This Godward gaze of praise and gratitude continues in the face of injustice, in a way that people want to know about God, because of your good responses/deeds
- Our foreignness is weirdly attractive



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What would people be thinking about, busy doing, be frustrated with, etc. in a church heading toward these goals? What kinds of skills would be needed and therefore people busy learning them?

- Seriously talking to one another
- Working through differences that keep you apart from God's goals for us together
- Thinking about who God is in a way that elicits trust and praise
- Encouraging one another, anxious that weak link will not break
- Find ways to serve one another as we head under God, toward these goals



What do you think is likely to be seen or heard if people watched you as part of a group of believers? OR What do you see when YOU watch a body of believers in action?

- Perhaps, just healthy group of kids
- They would see you as future for this group of believers
- Who interacts with whom
- Look for purpose
- What we care about is what is on display



What would give you hope when you hear that God determines what will be on display and your part in what is displayed?

- It will free you to study and do your part
- Naturally to look for authority if God is that authority, you will be free to look at Him
- It allows you to be dependent on the righteousness God. It leads to righteous actions
- Knowing that there is a reward
- Ps. 23 the paths of righteousness



What should give us hope from II Corinthians 1:8-11 when we hear what God wants on display?

- That very real hardship does not leave without very real provision from one stronger than death
- The things that may seem overwhelming, don't mean that God doesn't care or not able to provide for us or accomplish His will through this
- The God who delivers
- Sure of salvation and THAT saving God would deliver
- There is something bigger than themselves or death itself guiding them (A quest for more)



What should give us hope from Galatians 2:20 when we hear what God wants on display?

- Our personal lives are not the focus so when it seems rough, there's something more
- No hope that lasts in the flesh (city of destruction) so goals/ life fixed in Christ celestial city
- I don't have to do it myself anymore
- You live for one who gave himself up for you and will never stop



What should give us hope from Ephesians 3:20 when we hear what God wants on display?

- One working to enable us to do more than we can imagine
- God's goal/task that seems beyond you does not have to overwhelm or be changed because He is able
- God wants His power on display and that is what is at work in you to accomplish His will
- That God can and will in/through you
- God is not merely helping You can accomplish what is impossible but helping you accomplish His impossible



What should give us hope from Philippians 4:12-13 when we hear what God wants on display?

- He gives strength is therefore confident (but not without hope)
- It works in every situation, it is flexible (poor or rich is not the focus- His strength focus and enablement when low discouraged/ hard time) or hungry
- That <u>all</u> that God puts in our lives will not stop us from being able to live on display for God and accomplish his will



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Sum up the main idea of Ephesians 4:17-24.



How would you actually start living Ephesians 4:17-24?



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- Disrespecting God not paying attention, need to care enough to know God's heart
- God's design if for Christians to be tied into a group of people

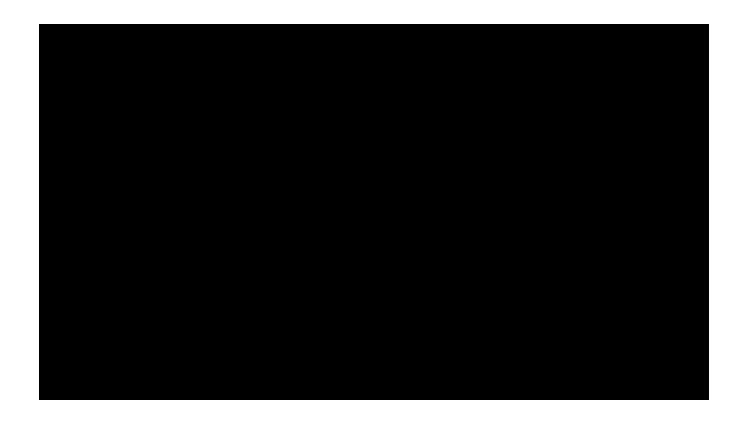






- Joining a body
- Church discipline can be a means of God's grace
- You need to take care in understanding what it means to be a member
- We need more churches that understand the meaning of membership





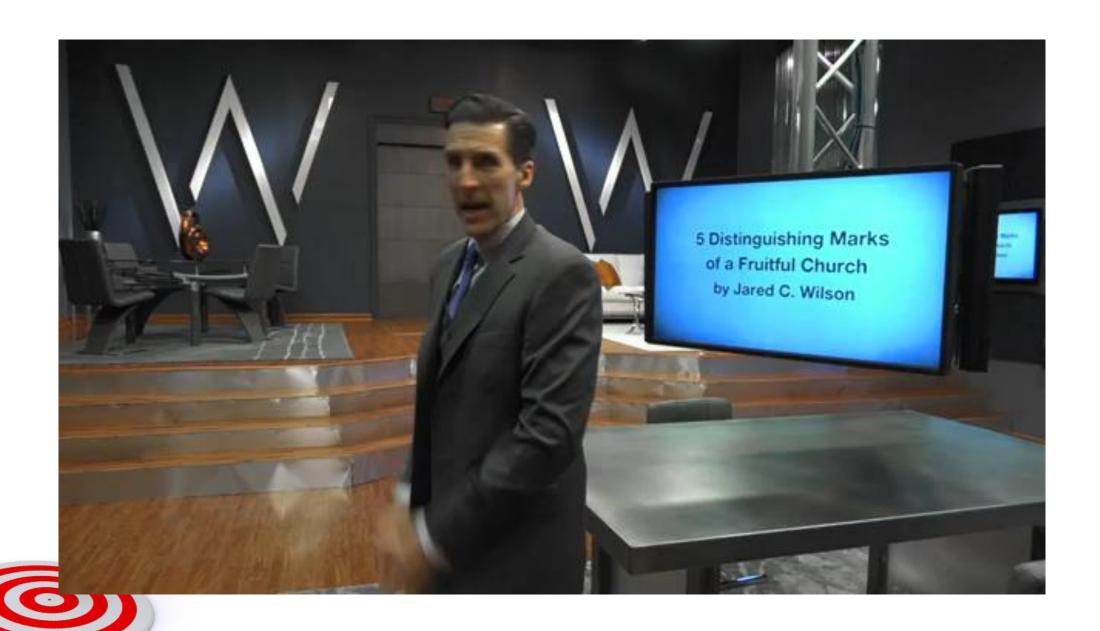












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What are the gifts of grace mentioned in Ephesians 4:11-13 and why do you think they are gifts of God's grace?



What should you focus on at youth group/try to do that would make youth group more pleasing to God IF youth group as a microcosm of the church seeks to lift up what is valued in these passages?

