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## Our Vocation

*Eph 3:9 – we were made to be evangelists*

*Eph 3:10 – we were made to be disciple-makers*

*Eph 3:11-2 – we were made to be people of prayer*



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*Col 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;*

*1Th 2:12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.*

You are called to behave in  
a way that reflects your  
identity in Christ.

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*Phl 3:17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. 18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, [that they are] the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 Whose end [is] destruction, whose God [is their] belly, and [whose] glory [is] in their shame, who mind earthly things.) 20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: 21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.*

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**Jesus** - Mat 11:29 *Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke [is] easy, and my burden is light.*

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Meekness is when strength and courage and virtue are exercised by serving into the weaknesses of others.

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*1Co 13:4 Charity suffereth long, [and] is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,*

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*Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

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*Exo 23:4 If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again. 5 If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, and wouldest forbear to help him, thou shalt surely help with him.*

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Forbearing is when your love determines that the burden of a relationship or circumstance is light enough for you to carry without the need for confrontation or mutual reconciliation.

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*bond of peace* means that we are bound (obligated) to maintain peace by the Spirit.

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*Psa 133:1 [[A Song of degrees of David.]] Behold, how good and how pleasant [it is] for brethren to dwell together in unity!*

Our character must be bound up in our calling in Christ, the source of grace and love.



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