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**New People for the Glory of God**

We Walk in Diversity

Ephesians 4:7-16

“This diversity of gifts is not only consistent with unity, but is essential to it.”

**Charles Hodges**

*Our diversity is a gracious work of Christ* (vs. 7-10)

*Our diversity develops our maturity* (vs. 11-16)

* We mature through leaders who guide by God’s instruction (v. 11)

**2 Corinthians 12:12**

The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works.

**James 5:14**

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

**Titus 1:5**

This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you

* We mature by actively ministering to each other (vs. 12-13)
* We mature by discerning error (v. 14)
* We mature by speaking the truth in love (vs. 15-16)

*Vital issues that can cause division*

*Sin = Selfishness = Division Check: Self-evaluation & confession*

*Communication = Frustration = Division Check: Clarify & consider*

*Authority = Abuse & rebellion = Division Check: Biblical balance*

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