

Ephesians 4:2~ With complete lowliness of mind and mildness, with long-suffering, putting up with one another in love.

- 1· Paul now shows them, how they should walk as anointed Christians within the wicked world all around them. They should have complete **lowliness of mind**, always acting and thinking like others were superior to them.

[Question] How does Paul then show them, that they must walk as anointed Christians?

- 2· They should always be **mild** in their dealings with other people, and especially their brothers in the faith. They must exercise **long-suffering**, by being willing to suffer in behalf of the preaching work, and accept opposition to it, from opposers.

[Question] How then, must they act toward their brothers, and to opposers?

- 3· They must always put up with the failings of **their brothers in love**, and not become offended, or grow apart from, or close off from themselves, those who share their faith in the Lord.

[Question] How must they always come to feel, and act toward their anointed Christians brothers?

- 4· Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am mild-tempered and lowly in heart, and you will find refreshment for your souls. (**Matthew 11:29**)

[Question] What yoke of service did Jesus Christ invite all to take up with him, and what kind of a yoke is it?

- 5· Slaving for the Lord with the greatest **lowliness of mind**, and tears and trials that befell me, by the plots of the Jews. (**Acts of Apostles 20:19**)

[Question] How did Paul slave for the Lord, Jesus Christ?

- 6· For through the undeserved kindness given to me I tell everyone there among you, **not to think more of himself than it is necessary to think**, but to think so as to have a sound **mind**, each one as God has distributed to him a measure of faith. (**Romans 12:3**)

[Question] How did Paul show, that they should come to think about themselves?

- 7· **Doing nothing out of contentiousness or out of egotism, but with **lowliness of mind**, considering that the others are superior to you. (**Philippians 2:3**)**

[Question] What should not be the driving force of our works toward one another?

[Question] What is proper motivation for our fine works?

- 8· **In like manner, you younger men, be in subjection to the older men. But all of you gird yourselves with **lowliness of mind** toward one another, because God opposes the haughty ones, but he gives undeserved kindness to the humble ones. (**1 Peter 5:5**)**

[Question] What should all men in the congregation gird themselves with, and why?

- 9· **By purity, by knowledge, by **long-suffering**, by **kindness**, by Holy Spirit, by **love free from hypocrisy**. (**2 Corinthians 6:6**)**

[Question] How did Paul exercise fine qualities to gain others to Christ?

- 10· **On the other hand, we exhort you, brothers, admonish the disorderly, speak consolingly to the depressed souls, support the weak, be **long-suffering toward all**. (**1 Thessalonians 5:14**)**

[Question] How does Paul encourage his anointed brothers to act toward others within the congregation?

- 11· **Love is **long-suffering** and **kind**. Love is not jealous, it does not brag, does not get puffed up. (**1 Corinthians 13:4**)**

[Question] How does love act within the congregation?

- 12· **Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. (**Matthew 23:12**)**

[Question] What will those who exalt themselves receive?

[Question] What will those who humble themselves receive?

- 13· **Be minded the same way toward others as to yourselves,**

do not be minding lofty things, but be led along with the lowly things. Do not become discreet in your own eyes. (Romans 12:16)

[Question] How should we think of others?

[Question] What things should we be led along by, and what should we not become, in our own view of ourselves?

- 14· Accordingly, as God's chosen ones, holy and loved, clothe yourselves with the tender affections of compassion, kindness, lowliness of mind, mildness, and long-suffering. (Colossians 3:12)**

[Question] What should those who are holy and loved by God, clothe themselves with as qualities?

- 15· To speak injuriously of no one, not to be belligerent, to be reasonable, exhibiting all mildness toward all men. (Titus 3:2)**

[Question] What way should we act toward all, always being reasonable?