Walk Worthy of Your Calling Ephesians 4:1-3

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I.	All	That	Has Done For Us	
A.	Understan		ding our from God	
	1.	The		
			Means to "speak well of someone." Matthew 19:17 "There is none good but one, that is God." God is good whether we perceive Him to be or not.	
	2.	The _	God	
			James 1:17a "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above." God is the source of every good thing.	
	3.	The _	Believers	
			Ephesians 1:3 says that God "has blessed us." Galatians 3:9 tells us who has been blessed "They who are of faith are blessed."	
	4.	The _	Everything Spiritual	
		b. "The Wh	Can you imagine in heaven saying to our Father, "If you had only given me, I would have been so much more effective as a believer." Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God <i>prepared</i> in advance for us to do." ose who have been chosen by God are blessed. When we bless God, we speak well of Him. en He blesses us, He does good to us. Our blessing is our praise to Him. His blessing is His ds to us." (John MacArthur)	
В.	Un	derstan	ding our before God	
	2. 3.	He He	us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless. (1:4) us in love and adopted us. (1:5) redemption and forgiveness for us. (1:7) us wisdom. (1:8)	
II.	All	l That	Can Do For God (Ephesians 4-6)	
		s a pris Ephesians	soner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received." (4:1)	
A.	<u>"</u>		" (then – NIV) – Practical section is based on the first three chapters of theology.	
В.	"		" – Someone whose life has been radically changed.	
			ork is never over ver gets to take off his uniform	

C.	"	
	1.	Romans 12:1 "Therefore I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercies, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of service (reasonable service)."
	2.	Paul pleaded with the believers to do their spiritual duty because of what God has done.
D.	"	" – Equalizing the scales.
		Circumstances shouldn't affect worthiness, no matter how bad they might be. The worthy walk may lead to prison and death, as it did for Paul, but it should <i>never</i> change our commitment to walk worthy of our Lord.
		"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." (Ephesians 4:2)
E.	"_	" – God is for humility as strongly as He is against pride!
	1.	Positive definition – "all lowliness" Negative definition – Referred to anyone who was weak, cowardly, and faint-hearted
F.	<u>"_</u>	" (Meek) – We don't lose our power; we harness it!
		Horse that has been broken, whose power and energy can now be channeled for useful purposes. Horse no longer seeks its own causes and ends.
		Horse is submissive to the control of the Master.
G.	"	" – A patient person never argues with God's plan!
		Endure negative circumstances
	2.	Cope with difficult people
	3.	Accept God's plan for everything
н.	"	"
		Will not be easy. If we do not change, people will have to bear with us.
		"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:3)

After Paul gives us these virtues, then he instructs us to be diligent (v. 11), to rejoice (v. 12), to give to the needy (v. 13), to bless our persecutors (v. 14), and to rejoice with those who rejoice and to weep with those who weep (v. 15).