

DON'T BE A BABY

Ephesians 4.1-16

Advertisers, politicians, social influencers, YouTubers, false teachers and many others in the world are all trying to get something from us. Just like today, the world of the Ephesians was full of those sorts of people. Paul's concern was that the believers not get sucked into those things but grow up to recognize such trickery for what it is and resist it.

*No prolonged infancies among us, please. We'll not tolerate babes in the woods, small children who are easy prey for predators. **God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything.** We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love.* Ephesians 4.14-16 The Message

The remedy for the world's trickery: A grown-up faith.

1. LEARN from Christ and let him LEAD

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The Message

2. Discover your ROLE in the kingdom and WORK IT

*From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, **as each part does its work.** v16*

3. Learn to LOVE

*Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another **in love.** v2*

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!

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