

## How to be Perfect-(sort of)

*Striving Together*

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Ephesians 4:1-16

*Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Eph 3:20)*

### Three marks of a Complete Church

1. A Mature Church **embodies** God's Grace (verse 1-6)
  - a. God's grace calls us to **purity** (verses 1-2)
  - b. God's grace calls us to **unity** (verses 3-6) – Of the many God has made one.
  - c. God grace calls us to **community** (verse 1-6).
2. A Mature church **employs** God's gifts (verse 7-11)
  - a. The gifts are for **every person** (verse 7)
  - b. The gifts came at a high price ( verses 8-10)
  - c. The gifts to the church are **gifted people** (verse 11)
3. A Mature Church **experiences** Godly Growth (verse 12-16)
  - a. A church is supposed to be **built up** like a strong man – verse 12
  - b. A church is supposed to **measure up** like a strong man - verse 13.
    - i. A complete body has all its **parts**
    - ii. A complete body has all its **parts functioning**
    - iii. A complete body has all its **parts obeying the Head**
  - c. A church is supposed to **grow up** to be a Strong man - verse 14-16
    - i. A mature man is not easily **tricked** (verse 14)
    - ii. A mature man is speaking **the truth** (verse 15)
    - iii. A mature man has all his members **working together!** (verse 16)

We are **better together!**