

# TRUE LIES - Lie 4

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**Does Success Just Happen? Yes or no?**

**We all know that sitting down and doing nothing does \_\_\_\_ lead to success.**

**\_\_\_\_ doesn't happen on its own.**

**So why would someone think such a thing?**

**\_\_\_\_ - the ability to see, hear, or become aware of something through the senses.**

**• As humans sometimes our perception is \_\_\_\_ because we do not see the full picture.**

**\_\_\_ - a particular attitude toward or way of regarding something; a point of view.**

- **Our natural sinful human behavior is to think the worst of humanity because we know that they are sinful. Our point of view tends to elevate ourselves over others.**

**\_\_\_ - something that one hopes or intends to accomplish**

**Data and research: for 30 and under vs 50 and older group in Gateway.**

*As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

*—Ephesians 4:1-3 (NIV)*

- **Paul is urging us to live out our faith in \_\_\_.**
- **Our perception should be that as a body of believers that live it out by how we \_\_\_ one another.**

*There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

*—Ephesians 4:4-6 (NIV)*

- **Our perspective should be as one with Christ. Knowing that the body will not forget the other parts/people because we are \_\_\_ body and \_\_\_ Spirit.**

*But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.  
This is why it says:*

*‘When he ascended on high,  
he took many captives  
and gave gifts to his people.’*

*What does ‘he ascended’ mean except that he also*

*descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe. So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

*—Ephesians 4:7-13 (NIV)*

*Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 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.*

*—Ephesians 4:14-16 (NIV)*

- Our \_\_\_\_ is to grow in our relationship with Christ as one body. If the body grows in maturity we will be prepared to do God's will. We will know God, his word, and his mission.
- I always say, "relationships matter." Our relationship with Christ is the most important relationship we will ever have. When we know Christ and become more like Jesus. Understanding his will and hearing his voice is so easy because we know the Father because we have a relationship with the Son and his Holy Spirit dwells within us.
- If a 5-year-old comes to know Christ they are as much part of the body as the 85-year-old. God will use them! As adults, young adults, teenagers and preteens are we living out our faith and building up other believers?

**Read Ephesians 4:16**

*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.*

*—Ephesians 4:16*

- **Let's be a church with a body that supports, grows, and builds itself up by the power of the Holy Spirit, prayer, preaching and teaching of his word and loving one another to the point that God will move in such a way that the surrounding communities will wonder and know who we are as Christians.**

*Next Sunday New Teaching Series:*

