

A Life of Faith- Every Day  
Ephesians 6:21-24  
Godly Friends

“Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.”

Ephesians 6:24

**Life Application:** Always be looking for ways to build up the Body of Christ.

A little background...

- Tychius will deliver this letter as well as the letter to the Colossians and to Philemon (see Colossians 4:7-9). It was a common practice to send someone familiar with the writer to deliver the letter.
- Ephesians 6:23-24 is a prayer of benediction, which is very fitting in a book focusing on worship and personal encouragement.
- Paul mentions love 3 times in 6:23-24, fitting for a letter where the love of God, the love of Jesus Christ and love in the body of Christ are all important themes.

**Point:** Encouragement is needed- give it liberally!

*How can I encourage someone?*

1. Pray for them...regularly.
  - a. Pray for their peace
  - b. Pray for love; to be received and given
  - c. Pray for faith to increase
  - d. Pray for grace to abound
2. Correspond with them (mail, email, text, etc.).
3. Spend quality time with them.

**Point:** Care deeply about your brothers and sisters in Christ.

*“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

John 13:35

Let nothing corrupt your love for God and your love and care for others.

Personal Application...

As Jesus Christ has shown immense love and care for us through grace, so do the same to those around you...especially your fellow Christians.

Sermon by Pastor Dave Williams on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
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