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> In what specific ways are we to fulfill our calling according to verses 2-3? By being humble, gentle, and patient with people, all which show love and help maintain unity.

> Verses 4-6 highlight seven areas in which believers have unity. Why do you think Paul has such a great emphasis on unity here? Because understanding our unity is key as we seek to fulfill our calling alongside other believers who are doing the same.

Application

Paul has begun this section of his letter by emphasizing the importance of our calling as believers. He points out that living in light of our calling will result in unity with other believers.

> In what areas do people you know often struggle with having unity? Having jealousy between one another, excluding people, making distinctions between those who are “popular,” etc.

> Thinking through these verses, what should motivate us to find agreement and unite with other believers? Believers can unite behind the gospel, unite for the sake of working together and accomplishing things, unite to encourage each other, etc.

A good test to see how well you are fulfilling your calling as a believer is to see how well you promote unity between your Christian friends. How well are you doing? What can you do better? Ask God to help you take your calling seriously, and make use of opportunities to build up those around you!

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