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- Be committed to continue.

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- Be very teachable.

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- Be on guard.

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- Be forewarned.

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- Be reminded.

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- Be edified.

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- Be hard working.

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- Be supportive.

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- Be generous.

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- Be caring for one another.

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EPHESIANS 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height — ¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ 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.

ME-ISMS

"The customer is always right."

"We're all about you."

"Have it your way."

"I did it my way."

"I got to be me."

"God wants you to be happy."

"I deserve to be happy."

"What about me?"

"It's my way or the highway."

"It's high time for some me time."

"If you don't take care of yourself no one else will."

"Gotta look out for #1."

"You deserve a break today."

"YOLO - You only live once."

"You can have your best life now."

"You can do it!"

"Yes we can!"

"I'm all I got."

"I'm only human."

"I am somebody!"

"Hungry? Why wait?"

"Do what you feel like."

"If it feels good do it!"

"Do your own thing!"

"I'm doing my thing!"

"I'm okay, you're okay."

"You have a right to be all you can be."

"To thine own self be true."

"If it's going to be it is up to me."

"Me and Jesus got our own thing going."

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