Ephesians 4:14-16

4:14 - “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 men in their deceitful scheming.”

"infants" - nepios means "baby, immature." Contrast with the mature man in 4:13 (andra)

"tossed back and forth by the waves" - kludwnizomenoi - "being blown" Refers to "being driven by waves, to be agitated by waves" in Philippians 2:4

"being blown here and there" - periphepomenoi - means "to carry about, to carry around, to be borne to and fro"

"deceitful" - kubeia - means "dice playing, cunning." It refers to wicked dice playing and refers to intentional fraud"

Notice the focus on IMATURITY and INSTABILITY.

The earthly church is divisive, temperamental, individualistic.


Also, self promoting teachers in 2 Corinthians 11:4, 13, 20

False doctrine promotes sectarianism and individualism and not unity.

We must find, teach and unify around the truth.

4:15 - "Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ."

"speaking the truth" - aletheuontes - "to be truthful, to tell the truth, to deal truly." Linguistic Key says: "Verbs ending in this suffix express the doing of an action signified by the corresponding noun. With this verb the relationship of quality passes to that of action." Thus, the translation "TRUTHING." Meaning the truth has gone beyond doctrine and is now become a verb.

Notice the necessity of Truth and Love.

Truth has a MORAL and an INTELLECTUAL side.

Example in Philippians 2:2-4

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."