[When we are growing spiritually and becoming mature...]
Ephesians 4:14-16 *...we will no longer be like children, forever changing our minds about what we believe because someone has told us something different or because someone has cleverly lied to us and made the lie sound like the truth. [15] Instead, we will hold to the truth in love, becoming more and more in every way like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. [16] Under his direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. (NLT)*

*** As I was thinking through these verses in light of the MVP award I thought about why the award is given. The MVP is not only good at what they do but also makes all of his team mates better as result of the way they play. They help their team mates to become better at what they do so that the whole team is better as a result. As I thought through the implications of this it made me realize that as a believer in the Church if I can help others to be better at what they do then the whole body is better equipped to do what God has called us to do. The body is *"fitted together perfectly"* each of us should do what we are called to do but as we do that we should be helping the other parts so that *"the whole body is healthy and growing"*. Each of us needs to develop and use the gifts, talents, and skills which God has given us to help others so that we will be part of a healthy growing church which is full of love.

PRAYER: Lord help me to become more and more like You. Help me to build others up and to help them to be more effective in using their gifts and abilities for You. Lord, help each of us to seek above all to honor You in everything that we do.

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