

The Power of Unity

I'm sure everyone has heard the phrase, United we stand and Divided we fall. This phrase has been used in mottos, from nations, states, and songs. The concept is that unless the people are united as one, then it is easy to destroy them.

This is in direct contrast to the phrase, Divide and Conquer, which is a combination of military, political, and economic strategy of gaining and maintaining power by breaking up larger concentrations of power into smaller concentrations of power that is less powerful than the one trying to conquer.

Jesus spoke of a united people and standing or being a divided people and falling in the Bible.

Mark 3:22-26

22 And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.

23 And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, **How can Satan cast out Satan?**

24 **And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.**

25 **And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.**

26 **And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.**

As you can see from Jesus' own words there is **Power** in Unity!

Psalms 133:1-3

1 A Song of degrees of David. **Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!**

2 **It is like** the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

3 **As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion:** for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

David has told us how precious it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. He compared brotherly unity, to the holy anointing oil that was poured upon the first high priest Aaron, and which anointed the tabernacle.

Brotherly Unity is priceless!!!!

We find that brotherly Unity, was an absolute necessity of the Apostles and their work for the Lord.

Acts 1:12-14

12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

14 These all continued with **one accord** in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

There is Power in Unity!!!!

Matthew 18:18-20

18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

19 Again I say unto you, That **if two of you shall agree** on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, **it shall be done** for them of my Father which is in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Acts 2:1-4

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were **all with one accord in one place.**

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

There is Holy Ghost Power in Unity!!!!

Acts 2:46-47

46 And they, **continuing daily with one accord** in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

47 **Praising God**, and having favour with all the people. And **the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.**

There is **Revival** in Unity!!!

Acts 4:19-33

19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

20 For **we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard**.

21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.

22 For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was showed.

23 And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.

24 And when they heard that, **they lifted up their voice to God with one accord**, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

25 Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?

26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.

27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, **whom thou hast anointed**, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and **grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word**,

30 **By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus**.

31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and **they spake the word of God with boldness**.

32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but **they had all things common**.

33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

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Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

9 Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.

10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.

11 Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?

12 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and **a threefold cord is not quickly broken.**

There is Strength in Unity!!!

Acts 5:12

12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and **they were all with one accord** in Solomon's porch.

Acts 15:24-27

24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:

25 It seemed good unto us, **being assembled with one accord**, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

26 Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

27 We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth.

As the Apostles lived in Unity, they also instruct us to do the same!!!!

Romans 12:16-19

16 **Be of the same mind one toward another.** Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, **Vengeance is mine; I will repay,** saith the Lord.

We must be of the same mind to be in Unity!!!!

Romans 15:1-7

1 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and **not to please ourselves.**

2 Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.

3 For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime **were written for our learning**, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures **might have hope**.

5 Now the God of patience and consolation grant **you to be likeminded one toward another** according to Christ Jesus:

6 That ye may with **one mind** and **one mouth** glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Wherefore **receive ye one another**, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 1:10-11

10 Now **I beseech you**, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that **ye all speak the same thing**, and that there **be no divisions** among you; but that **ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment**.

11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

There is No Division in Unity!!!

2 Corinthians 13:11

11 Finally, brethren, farewell. **Be perfect**, be of good comfort, **be of one mind**, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Ephesians 4:11-16

11 And he gave some, **apostles**; and some, **prophets**; and some, **evangelists**; and some, **pastors** and **teachers**;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13 **Till we all come in the unity of the faith**, **and** of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But **speaking the truth in love**, may grow up into him in all things, which **is the head, even Christ**:

16 From whom **the whole body fitly joined together** and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Unity comes from the 5-fold Ministry!!!

Philippians 1:27

27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that **ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel**;

We must be likeminded to have Unity!!!!

Phillippians 2:1-3

- 1 **If** there be therefore any consolation in Christ, **if** any comfort of love, **if** any fellowship of the Spirit, **if** any bowels and mercies,
- 2 **Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.**
- 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; **but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.**

Unity seeketh not her own!!!!!!!

1 Peter 3:8-11

- 8 Finally, **be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous**:
- 9 **Not** rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: **but contrariwise blessing**; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.
- 10 For **he that will love life**, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:
- 11 Let him eschew evil, and **do good**; let him **seek peace, and ensue it.**

1 Peter 4:1-2

- 1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, **arm yourselves likewise with the same mind**: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;
- 2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

When there is Unity, There Will Be Revival!!!!!!!