

The Secrets of Unity

The Passionate Apostolic 'PLEA for UNITY' from Philippians 2:1-4 PART ONE

Introduction:

Psalm 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!
2 It is like the precious oil upon the head

John 17:11b Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be **one** even as We are.
John 17:21 that they may all be **one**; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be **one**, just as We are **one**. 23 I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in **unity**, so that the world may know that You sent Me...

Ephesians 4:3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
1 Corinthians 1:10 Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Philippians 2:1 Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, 2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. 3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

#1 Christians have the M_____ to be unified

Philippians 1:27 Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel

1st THE C_____ OF BEING UNITED WITH CHRIST

1a If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ

2 Peter 1:3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

2nd EXPERIENCING THE C_____ OF GOD'S LOVE

1b if there is any consolation of love,

3rd KNOWING THE C_____ OF THE SPIRIT

1c if there is any fellowship of the Spirit,

Romans 8:9b if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

4th ENJOYING THE C_____ OF CHRIST

1d if any affection and compassion,

2 Corinthians 1:3 Father of **Mercies**

Romans 12:1 by the **mercies** of God present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God.

#2 The Apostolic M_____ for Unity

2 *make my joy complete by*

1 Thessalonians 5:12 *But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, 13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.*

Hebrews 13:17 *Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.*

#3 The genuine M_____ of Unity

Verse 1a *if there is any encouragement in Christ,*

Verse 1b *if there is any consolation of love,*

Verse 1b *if there is any fellowship of the Spirit,*

Verse 1d *if any affection and compassion,*

Verse 2 *by being of the same mind*

Verse 2 *maintaining the same love*

Verse 2 *united in spirit*

Verse 2 *intent on one purpose*

1st TO BE LIKE _____

2b *by being of the same mind*

2nd TO SHOW THE SAME _____

2c *maintaining the same love*

3rd TO DISPLAY A UNITED _____

2d *united in spirit*

1 Corinthians 12:20 *But now there are many members, but one body. 21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."*

1 Peter 4:10 *As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

4th TO LIVE FOR ONE _____

2e *intent on one purpose*

27 *Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;*

QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS - BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD...

- 1-Why is UNITY so important to your marriage and to your church?
- 2-What kind of resources has God given us in order to motivate us and enable us to maintain UNITY?
- 3-Why is it right for Paul himself to plead for the unity of the Philippians?
- 4-What are the elements of unity from verse 2 you need to grow in, and what steps will you take?
- 5-What kind of personal commitment will you make to diligently preserve the unity of FBC?

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