

THE PRINCIPLE OF AGREEMENT

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The place of agreement is the place of power.

The greatest power displays in the Bible are when we see agreement, unity and harmony. The Triune God was united as they Created the universe and all of creation with words. Many times in Genesis 1 we see the phrase: 'God **said**.....God **saw**.' When God speaks there is power displayed, in this case creative power. Sometimes God speaks and things disappear. Jesus cursed the fig tree and it withered.

During the public ministry of Jesus we see a similar pattern. Jesus often said that He only did what He saw the Father doing and we know that He also relied on the Holy Spirit to perform His miracles - Acts 10:38, Isaiah 11:2-3. At the tomb of the dead man, Jesus called out in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' Jesus words had and still have power! Just before that incident, Jesus thanked the heavenly Father for always hearing Him. There was unity in the Godhead at all times. Jesus walked in that power of agreement. So can we.

"For in Christ all the fullness of Deity (the Godhead) lives in bodily form and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority." - Colossians 2:9,10

Sometimes before Jesus performed a miracle, he had unbelievers leave. - Mark 5:35-43 Where there is disunity or lack of harmony there is weakness, impotence, and no creativity. This is often exhibited in sports teams. A team can have very talented players and yet not do very well in the game. Why? Disunity. A good coach will try to keep the team united so they can achieve the most success. Jesus understood this. In his deeply heartfelt prayer in John 17, He prayed that His believers would be ONE.

'I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name - the name you gave me - so that they may be one as we are one.' - John 17:11

Jesus repeats this again in the prayer and even prays that we will be brought to '**complete unity**'.

The letter D could aptly describe so many of the **devil's activities**:
Destroyer, demonic, divider, disunity, disease, despair, depression, debt, discouragement, dirt.

One of his main goals is to bring **disunity** to the church. Jesus knew this. That is why he prayed for us the way he did. A united church is a powerful force in the world. We must keep our focus. Just before the Russian revolution in 1917, the church leaders were arguing over the color of drapes in the church. How often does the same pettiness happen today?

I spent nearly a good part of a year in Belgium in 1983-1984, seeking to evangelize students at a large university. God could have done so much more that year, but we had such a divisive team. We had to send one girl back to Holland and another back to England because of their personal issues. My roommate for the year was trouble right from the start. He had issues with authority. After only a couple of weeks as team leader, one night M. remarked that there were only two people on the team he disliked. Me and E. Another issue was that he was getting too friendly with another person on the team. M. brought disunity and distraction to our team. The devil was pleased.

Jesus words sum up the importance of unity. God wants us in unity with Him, His Word and with one another.

'Again I tell you, if two of you agree (harmonize together, together make a symphony) about - anything and everything- whatever they ask, it will come to pass and done for them by my Father. For wherever two or three are gathered (drawn together as my followers) in (into) My name, there I AM in the midst of them.' - Matthew 18:19-20 Amplified Version

Jesus is always with us, but He is not always with us in power. He manifests Himself when we are united together in love and in faith in His Word. Jesus is the great I AM. Married couples have awesome potential if they can truly unite in prayer.

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Here are a few times of special agreement I have experienced. In London, Walter (Brazilian) and I had some great prayer times together. I would get words and he would get pictures at the same time of what I had said. One time he asked for prayer for finances. I prayed that somebody would place some money under his apartment door at the church. Sure enough. A few days later, Walter discovered an envelope under his door with money in it!

On one evangelism team in London in 1991, Steve and I shared a room. As we closed the night in prayer a little after 11 PM, I suggested that we pray for another teammate Karsten (Danish), who was at another house. We agreed in prayer that God would show up in his room with his glory. (It was kind of a fun prayer. Sometimes the Lord has us do such things when we sense His presence in a special way.) The next day Karsten said that God had showed up in his room the night before at 11:15 pm!

We could share many other examples and probably will in the future. Truly there is power in unity and agreement.

Let us be ONE,

John