

# HOW DO WE CREATE UNITY IN THE LOCAL CHURCH?

## HOMEWORK

### **Key Principles to Foster Unity**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **AND CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS**

*BELIEVERS ARE CALLED TO ACT WITHOUT SELFISH AMBITION, CONSIDERING OTHERS BETTER THAN THEMSELVES AND LOOKING TO THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS (PHILIPPIANS 2:3-*

*4). HUMILITY AND GENTLENESS, ALONG WITH PATIENCE AND BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE, ARE ESSENTIAL FOR MAINTAINING PEACE AND HARMONY (EPHESIANS 4:2).*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **AS THE BINDING FORCE**

*LOVE IS THE FOUNDATION OF UNITY. COLOSSIANS 3:14 INSTRUCTS BELIEVERS TO "PUT ON LOVE, WHICH BINDS THEM ALL TOGETHER IN PERFECT UNITY," EMPHASIZING THAT GENUINE CARE AND AFFECTION FOR ONE ANOTHER SUSTAIN COMMUNAL HARMONY.*

3. **SHARED** \_\_\_\_\_ **AND** \_\_\_\_\_.

*UNITY IS STRENGTHENED WHEN THE CHURCH SHARES A COMMON FAITH, HOPE, AND MISSION. THE EARLY CHURCH EXEMPLIFIED THIS BY EMBRACING THE APOSTLES' TEACHINGS, SHARING RESOURCES, AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER, DEMONSTRATING THAT UNITY IS BOTH SPIRITUAL AND PRACTICAL (ACTS 2:42-47).*

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **AND RECONCILIATORY ATTITUDE**

*EPHESIANS 4:3 URGES BELIEVERS TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MAINTAIN THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE BOND OF PEACE. THIS REQUIRES INTENTIONAL EFFORT, FORGIVENESS, AND RECONCILIATION, PRIORITIZING THE GOOD OF THE WHOLE OVER PERSONAL PREFERENCES.*

5. **RECOGNITION OF** \_\_\_\_\_ **WITHIN THE BODY**

*THE CHURCH FUNCTIONS AS ONE BODY WITH MANY MEMBERS, EACH WITH UNIQUE GIFTS AND ROLES (1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27). UNITY DOES NOT MEAN UNIFORMITY; IT MEANS VALUING EACH MEMBER'S CONTRIBUTION AND WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON GOOD.*