

No "I" in TEAM!

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Acts 2:42 (NIV) ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

1 John 1:7 (NIV) ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Eph 4:1-6 (NIV) ¹ As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit-- just as you were called to one hope when you were called-- ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Unity is not uniformity.

What it takes to have unity:

1. It takes _____.

Eph 4:1-2 (NIV) ¹ As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

1 Pet 3:8 (NIV) ⁸ Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.

Paul "a prisoner for the Lord" "I urge you"

Commit to these 4 graces:

1) Humility vs. _____

Php 2:3-4 (NKJV) Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Consequences of original sin...

Gen 3:7(NKJV) Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

Quote: “Life is one long obstacle course, with yourself as the chief obstacle.”

2) Gentleness vs. _____.

3) Patience vs. _____.

You can control your anger!

Pr 15:18 (NIV) A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.

Pr 14:29 (NIV) A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly.

Pr 14:17 (NKJV) A quick-tempered man acts foolishly. And a man of wicked intentions is hated.

4) Forbearing vs. _____.

1 Cor 3:3 (NIV) ³ You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men?

Pr 10:12 (NIV) ¹² Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs.

1 Pet 4:8 (NIV) ⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

2. It takes _____.

Eph 4:3 (NIV) ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace..

1 Cor 1:10 (NIV) ¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.

Notice we are not instructed to manufacture unity...but to maintain it.

The urgency of reconciliation.

Matt 5:23-24 (NIV) ²³ "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.

1 John 4:20-21 (NIV) ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

3. It takes _____.

Eph 4:4-6 (NIV) ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit-- just as you were called to one hope when you were called-- ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

The need for unity!

- “one body” “one Spirit” “one hope” “one Lord” “one faith” “one baptism” “one God”

1 Cor 12:12 (NIV) ¹² The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.

Jesus prayed...

Jn 17:11 (NIV) ¹¹ ...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.