

Leadership Class: Lesson # 3 Power of Unity

1. What was Jesus prayer for His Church? (John 17:20-23)

2. How is unity described? (Psalm 133:1-2)

3. What does God do when there is unity? (Psalm 133:3)

OT definition:

- 1) union, being united
- 2) together, all together, alike

NT definition:

- 1) unanimity, agreement

Dictionary definition:

1. The state of being one; singleness
2. Oneness of mind; agreement; concord
3. An ordering of all elements in a work of art so that each contributes to a unified aesthetic effect
4. Singleness of purpose or action; continuity

I. Things that cause us not to walk in unity

A. backbiting:

1. disguise, privily, covert
2. covering, shelter, hiding place
3. secrecy of tongue (being slanderous)

4. What are some of the conditions for being in a special place with God? (Psalm 15:1-3)

5. What happens if we don't walk in love but bite each other with our words? (Galatians 5:13-16)

B. Gossip (talebearer):

1. busybody, busy about other folks' affairs
2. busy about trifling matters and neglectful of important matters

6. How do a talebearer and a faithful friend contrast? (Proverbs 11:13)

7. Who are we not to associate with (Proverbs 20:19)?

8. How do you stop strife? (Proverbs 26:20)

9. What does the Bible command us not to do? (Leviticus 19:16)

C. Slander:

1. evil report
2. whispering
3. defamation
4. evil report



The utterance of defamatory statements injurious to the reputation or well being of a person

10. What does the Bible describe a slanderer to be? (Proverbs 10:18)

11. Why was there division in Corinth? (1 Corinthians 3:1-4)

12. List the works the flesh that causes division? (Galatians 5:20) dissension defined: division, sedition

13. What is the seventh thing in this list that the Lord hates? (Proverbs 6:16-19) discord: strife, contention

14. What two ways should we approach those who cause divisions? (Romans 16:17)

15. What is the principle of division in a house, kingdom, country, business or church? (Mark 3:20-26)

II. Things that cause us to walk in unity

A. Love

(Read Ephesians 4:1-6)

16. What two things can we do to walk in unity?

- a. _____ (Ephesians 4:2b)
b. _____ (Ephesians 4:3a)

B. Recognize each person's uniqueness

(Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

17. Even though Christ's body is many members what is it described as? (1 Corinthians 12:20)

III. Practical Ways to walk in unity:

(Read Ephesians 4:11-15)

18. What two things does this say we can have unity in? (Ephesians 4:13)

- a. _____
b. _____

19. What three things does the scripture say we be the same in? (1 Corinthians 1:10)

- a. _____
b. _____
c. _____

(Read Philippians 1:27-2:5)

20. What three things can we stand fast in? (Philippians 1:27)

- a. _____
b. _____
c. _____

21. What three things can we be like-minded in? (Philippians 2:2)

- a. _____
b. _____
c. _____

22. How is this unity going to be attained?

- a. _____ (Philippians 2:3a)
b. _____ (Philippians 2:3b)
c. _____ (Philippians 2:4)

23. Paul exhortation and rule was to (Philippians 3:16)

IV. How to be of the same mind

- A. Basic doctrine
B. Attitude, philosophy,
C. Heart, understanding,
D. Vision: **Two visions = division**

E. What you can bring to a ministry:

1. knowledge
2. experience
3. methods where applicable & needed
4. authority

F. What you should leave behind:

1. Past offenses.
2. Hard nosed opinions (They are not a God given right)
3. Bad attitudes
4. Obsessive doctrine
5. Your own agenda and vision

****We are not here to compete against one another, but to serve and complete one another!****

G. What it takes to join a new ministry:

1. Humility
2. Flexibility (Some of you may have to bend in ways you never have before)
3. Adaptability (developing new loyalties)
4. Teachable

Synergism: The action of two or more substances, organs, or organisms to achieve an effect of which each is individually incapable

➤ Working together

Judges 20:11 So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, united together as one man.

➤ Keeping rank

Joel 2:7-8 They run like mighty men, they climb the wall like men of war; Every one marches in formation, and they do not break ranks.

8 They do not push one another; Every one marches in his own column.

Though they lunge between the weapons, they are not cut down.

- **keep rank: army, battle-line, order, place, row, rank**