

No Unity, No Revival

Ephesians 4:1-6

Love alone brings unity

- *“The Holy Spirit comes because we are a united people, He does not come to make us a united people” – A.W. Tozer*
- *“Unity is fundamental, but the difference of opinion is incidental” – A.W. Tozer*

Ephesians 4:1-7

- *Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.*
- *Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.*

Ephesians 4:1-7

- *³ Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. ⁴ For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.*

Ephesians 4:1-7

•⁵ *There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all.*

1. A determination to glorify God alone

- *John 5:30 - 30 I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.*

Romans 15:5-7

•*5 May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. 6 Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory. (NLT)*

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- *Us glorifying the Father or Jesus is seen in both what we say and what we do.*
- *True worship is found in both and cannot be found separately.*

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- *When we are in disunity, we reject the Holy Spirit and do not welcome Him into our midst and into our lives*

2. United in God's work alone

- *Unity has to do with oneness of purpose.*
- *Unity is not sameness, it is distinctive, but it is distinctiveness going in the same direction to achieve the same goal.*
- *Unity is purpose driven not person driven – Tony Evans*

2. United in God's work alone

- *Submission to authority is needed, but so is clarity of vision.*
- *Leadership must provide clear vision, and everyone should be working to achieve that goal.*

1 Corinthians 1:10

•¹⁰ *I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose. (NLT)*

Philippians 1:27

•²⁷ *Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good (NLT)*

2. United in God's work alone

- *We need to be absorbed in God's work and realize that we cannot play at it. We must be sincere and diligent.*

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- *When we seek to be apart from the body of Christ or keep each other at arms-length, we are never going to be able to walk in unity together.*
- *You cannot have unity at a distance, unity requires closeness*

Ephesians 4:16

•¹⁶ *He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. (NLT)*

3. United to see God's wonders

- *You have just as much of God as you want*
– A.W. Tozer
- *There must be unity in submission to the Holy Spirit.*

4. United in holiness

- *The road to oneness is found in sanctification and sanctification is found in truth – Tony Evans*

John 17:17-19

•¹⁷ *Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth.* ¹⁸ *Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world.* ¹⁹ *And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth. (NLT)*

4. United in holiness

- *If there is no truth, there can be no legitimate unity – Tony Evans.*
- *Simply put, no holiness, no unity*

4. United in holiness

- *We must guard ourselves that our truth doesn't become greater than the Truth.*
- *We must guard ourselves that our preferences do not become our truth.*

Ephesians 4:11-13

- *¹¹ Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. ¹² Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. ¹³ This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. (NLT)*

Ephesians 4:14-15

•¹⁴ *Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever, they sound like the truth. ¹⁵ Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. (NLT)*

- *Disunity is immaturity.*
- *Unity will always be a choice.*