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EPHESIANS 4:1-3

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# Ephesians 4:1-3 (KJV)

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I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, <sup>2</sup> With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; <sup>3</sup> Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

# Ephesians 4:1-3 (AMP)

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So I, the prisoner for the Lord, appeal to you to live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called [that is, to live a life that exhibits godly character, moral courage, personal integrity, and mature behavior—a life that expresses gratitude to God for your salvation], <sup>2</sup> with all humility [forsaking self-righteousness], and gentleness [maintaining self-control], with patience, bearing with one another in [unselfish] love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the oneness of the Spirit in the bond of peace [each individual working together to make the whole successful].

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One hundred religious people knit into unity by careful organization do not constitute a church than eleven dead men make up a football team  
– A.W. Tozer

Disagreement is not disunity. It can lead to disunity, but only if we decide to be immature.

# Philippians 2:3-4

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<sup>3</sup> Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too (NLT)

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Complainers want to be heard, not improve.

Complainers will tell the sinner what they are doing wrong, but never walk the road to teach them how to please Jesus.

# Galatians 6:1 & 3

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<sup>1</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. (NLT)

<sup>3</sup> If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important. (NLT)

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Humbleness expresses itself through meekness

Gentleness and self-control mean that we remember it is not about us.

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Self-control excels in our lives when we remember not who we are now, but who were used to be.

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You are dealing with imperfect people, so deal with it. Doesn't Jesus deal with imperfect people all the time, including you and I?

Colossians 3:13 - <sup>13</sup> Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others

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Bond in the Greek means a joint tie (Ligament)

Without ligaments, muscles & joints would not stay together

Peace in the Greek means quietness, rest, or to set at one again