

MY PART IN FULFILLING CHRIST'S VISION

The Awesome Power of Vision – Part 4

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THE BIBLE: WHY UNITY IN CHRIST'S CHURCH IS SO IMPORTANT

1. My unity with other believers is the proof that I'm saved.
2. The Trinity is our model for unity.
3. Jesus' last prayer was that members of his church would live in unity.
4. God gives us his glory so we'll be united.
5. Our unity is our greatest witness to unbelievers.
6. Unity removes fear and creates boldness.
7. When a church is truly unified, everybody's needs are met.
8. Baptism and communion are visible signs of unity.
9. Focusing on our common purpose creates unity.
10. Unity begins when we realize we're incomplete without each other.
11. Jesus died to unite us, not divide us.
12. Jesus expects me to work hard at unifying Christians.

HOW CAN I BE AN AGENT OF UNITY IN MY CHURCH?

1. FOCUS ON WHAT WE _____, NOT OUR DIFFERENCES

"Let us concentrate on the things which create harmony and the growth of our fellowship together." - Romans 14:19 (PH)

"There is only one Body and one Spirit, and we have been called to one hope. There is only one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and only one God, who is the Father of us all, who is over all, is through all and is in all." - Ephesians 4:4-6

"Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way you do. And don't jump all over them every time they do or say something you don't agree with . . . They have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently." - Romans 14:1 (The Message)

"Let there be real harmony so there are no divisions in the church. I plead with you to be of one mind, UNITED in thought and purpose." - 1 Corinthians 1:10b (LB)

2. REALIZE I MUST CONTINUALLY _____ AT UNITY

"MAKE EVERY EFFORT to keep the unity of the Spirit. Bind yourselves together by living in peace with each other." - Ephesians 4:3

● DON'T BRING WORLDLY VALUES INTO THE CHURCH

"You're acting (in the church) the same way unbelievers act in the world! The proof of your immaturity is your arguing and quarreling and the divisions you've created.

That proves you still belong to the world and are living by worldly values! When one of you says, 'I support Paul,' and another says, 'I support Apollos,' you're acting like unbelievers, not like Christ. Is Apollos important? No! Is Paul important? No!" - 1 Corinthians 3:3-5a

● DON'T GET SUCKED INTO THE WORLD'S FIGHTS

"Jesus said, 'My kingdom is NOT of this world. If it were, my servants would fight . . .'" - John 18:36a (NIV)

"Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. The Lord's servant must never quarrel; instead, you must be kind to everyone, able to teach, and patient with everyone. You must be humble, gently teaching those who oppose the truth." - 2 Timothy 2:23-25

"Don't tear apart the work of God over a rule about food." - Romans 14:20a (NLT)

3. BE _____ IN MY EXPECTATIONS

"Nothing is perfect except your Words." - Psalm 119:96 (LB)

"Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love." - Ephesians 4:2b (NLT)

"Most of all, let love guide your life, for THEN the whole church will stay together in perfect harmony." - Colossians 3:14 (LB)

"Love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything." - 1 Peter 4:8 (The Message)

4. OFFER _____ INSTEAD OF CRITICISM

"Let's use ALL our energy in getting along with each other. Help each other by using encouraging words; Don't drag others down by finding fault." - Romans 14:19-20a (The Message)

"A wise, mature person is known for his understanding. The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is." - Proverbs 16:21 (TEV)

"What right do you have to criticize someone else's servants? Only their Lord can decide if they are doing right . . ." - Romans 14:4 (CEV)

"Why do you criticize and judge your brother or sister in Christ? Why do you think you are better than they are? We'll all be judged one day, not by each other's standards, or even by our own, but by the judgment of God." - Romans 14:10 (PH)

"You've been called to live in freedom — not freedom to indulge your selfish nature, but freedom to serve each other in love. God's entire law is summed up in 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' But you keep biting and devouring each other and tearing each other apart, you will be destroyed by each other." - Galatians 5:13-15

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聖經：為甚麼教會的合一如此重要

1. 我與信徒們的合一，是我得救的證明
2. 三位一體，是我們合一的典範
3. 耶穌最後的禱告，就是要祂教會的成員和洽相處
4. 上帝將祂的榮耀賜給我們，使我們能合一
5. 我們的合一，是我們對未信者最重大的見證
6. 合一會除去恐懼並生出勇敢
7. 當教會真正合一，每個人的需要都會得到滿足
8. 浸禮和聖餐是合一的可見行為
9. 專注於我們的共同目的會產生合一
10. 合一是始於我們察覺到缺少了對方，就不完整
11. 耶穌受死，為要使我們合一，而不是使我們分裂
12. 耶穌期望我竭力與基督徒合一

我怎樣能在自己教會中成為合一使者？

1. 專注於我們_____之處，而不是我們不同之處

“讓我們集中於創造和諧的事，與及培育我們的團契情誼。”

- 羅馬書 14:19 (Phillips 意譯)

“一個身體、一位聖靈，就像你們蒙召時也被召入一個盼望，一位主、一個信仰、一個洗禮、一位神——就是萬有之父，他超越萬有，貫通萬有，在萬有之中。”

- 以弗所書 4:4-6 (中文標準譯本)

“張開雙臂歡迎其他信徒，就是那些與你觀點不同的人。每當他們做了或說了甚麼你不認同的事，不要因此暴跳如雷……他們各有自己的往事要面對，要溫和地對待他們。”

- 羅馬書 14:1 (信息版意譯)

“要有真正的和諧，以致教會裏沒有分裂，我懇求你們在同一心思、同一意念和目的上團結起來。”

- 哥林多前書 1:10 下 (Living Bible 意譯)

2. 明白到我必須在合一上不斷_____

“要竭力保守在聖靈裏的合一，彼此以和平相聯，彼此和平共處。”

- 以弗所書 4:3 (新普及譯本/意譯)

• 不要把世俗的價值觀帶進教會

“你們（在教會裏）的表現，豈不像世人一樣嗎？你們不成熟的證明，就是你們彼此爭吵、紛爭和你們製造出來的分裂。”

這證明你們仍然屬於這個世界，而你們仍然按照世界的價值觀生活！你們這個說：「我追隨保羅。」那個說：「我追隨阿波羅。」你們的行為就像不信的，不像基督。阿波羅重要嗎？不重要！保羅重要嗎？不重要！”

- 哥林多前書 3:3-5 上 (意譯)

• 不要被捲入世界的鬥爭裏

“我的國不屬這世界。我的國若屬這世界，我的臣僕必要爭戰。”

- 約翰福音 18:36 上 (和合本)

“不要捲入愚蠢無知的辯論，那只會引起衝突。主的僕人不可跟人爭執，倒要對人和善，並善於教導，也要有耐心去對待難以相處的人。你要溫柔地教導那些反對真理的人。”

- 提摩太後書 2:23-25 (新普及譯本)

“不可因食物的緣故拆毀上帝的工作。”

- 羅馬書 14:20 上 (新譯本)

3. 我要有_____的期望

“除了你的話語，沒有甚麼是完美的。”

- 詩篇 119:96 (Living Bible 意譯)

“彼此忍耐，又要本着愛，寬容彼此的過失。”

- 以弗所書 4:2 下 (新普及譯本)

“最重要的是，要讓愛指引你的生命，是愛把我們大家完美和諧地聯結在一起。”

- 歌羅西書 3:14 (新普及譯本/Living Bible 意譯)

“彼此相愛，猶如關乎你的生命一樣。愛可以彌補一切。”

- 彼得前書 4:8 (信息版意譯)

4. 以_____代替批評

“我們要努力追求和睦，藉着勉勵的話語彼此造就。不要透過挑剔別人錯處來貶低對方。”

- 羅馬書 14:19-20 上 (信息版意譯)

“智慧人以通情達理聞名，動聽的言辭能說服人心。”

- 箴言 16:21 (新普及譯本)

“你是誰，竟然批評別人的僕人？他做得是否合宜，自然有他的主人負責。”

- 羅馬書 14:4 (當代譯本)

“你為甚麼指責你的弟兄呢？你為甚麼想要貶低他呢？我們終有一天都要被審判，不是按彼此的標準，甚至不是按我們的標準，而是按上帝的判斷。”

- 羅馬書 14:10 (Phillips 意譯)

“你們蒙召是要得自由；只是不要把這自由作為放縱肉體的機會，倒要用愛心彼此服侍。因為全部律法都在「要愛鄰如己」這一句話裏面成全了。但你們如果相咬相吞，就要當心，免得你們要彼此毀滅。”

- 加拉太書 5:13-15 (新漢語譯本)