

Teamwork Makes the Church Work

“The Priority Of Unity”

Philippians 2:1-8

In most Every Circumstance, UNITY is a Key Element for Handling Conflict...

SUCCESS is rarely a One-Man show.

At Home, Work, or at Church we can Enjoy UNITY, STRENGTH & SUCCESS if we'll Utilize a Few Simple KEYS...

1. DIFFUSE COMPETITION. (v.3a)

- Competition leads to Bitterness & Arguing because we have Conflicting Desires.
- We're in the Same Family...but we Still Compete...WHY? (James 4:1-2)
- If you're looking out for #1, there WILL BE Conflict

2. DELETE CONCEIT. (v.3b)

- You can't truly Serve CHRIST while trying to Impress OTHERS at the same time.
- A person with an EGO Problem is an "I" Specialist.
- Churches that Enjoy Unity effectively Deal with PRIDE. (Proverbs 16:18, 13:10)

3. DECREASE CRITICISM. (v.3c)

- Do YOU Treat Others BETTER than Yourself?
- The Church's Focus is on OTHER people.
- To Enjoy More Unity & Success in our church, STOP Being Critical of Other people.

4. DEMONSTRATE CONSIDERATION. (v. 4)

- We're to "SCOPE IN" on the NEEDS of other people.
- The Relational affects the SPIRITUAL.

- The WAY you *Treat your Spouse* effects your *Prayer Life*. (1 Peter 3:7)

5. DEVELOP CHRIST-LIKENESS. (v. 5)

- If you want to know *HOW to Get Along with People, LOOK at Jesus...*
- *JESUS Didn't DEMAND His Rights. (v.6)*
- *JESUS had a SERVING Attitude. (v.7)*
- *JESUS SACRIFICED for the Benefit of Others. (v.8)*

- The SECRET of lasting *UNITY & SUCCESS in Church* is Concluding that LIFE has a Purpose Bigger than Yourself.