

“Unity Requires Good Communication”

Eph. 4:1-3

Introduction

- I. God expects His children to work together in unity.
- II. In order for unity to exist, there is a great need for good communication amongst the brethren.
- III. How can we develop better communication so that we will be stronger united?

Discussion

- I. We must recognize that there is a need.
 - A. Without good communication, we will not have good Bible studies (Acts 17:1-3; Rom. 10:10-17).
 - B. Without good communication, we will not work together well (Acts 16:6-10 [God communicated]; Acts 8:14 [brethren communicated]).
 - C. Without good communication, we will not be able to settle matters peaceably (Acts 15:6-7, 28).
- II. We must prepare ourselves to communicate.
 - A. We should have love one for another (1 Cor. 13:4-7; Rom. 12:9-17).
 - B. We should do our best not to make assumptions without evidence (Lev. 19:16; Prov. 11:13; 18:13; Rom. 1:30; cf. Psm. 15:3).
 - C. Learn to use good speech and tone (Eph. 4:29; Col. 3:8; 4:6; Prov. 15:1; 25:15).
- III. We must work hard to communicate.
 - A. Learn when it best to speak (Prov. 26:4-5; Matt. 10:16; Luke 16:8).
 - B. Communication involves good hearing, and sometimes, less speaking (James 1:19; Prov. 15:28; 21:23).
 - C. We must arrive at the truth before we speak (Prov. 15:2; 25:11).

Conclusion

- I. The church of Christ needs unity, and that unity will be better achieved with good communication.
- II. Will I do my part to help the church communicated better?