

UNITY

Philippians XIII

Philippians 4:1-7 Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!

²I plead with Euodia [yoo-O-dee-uh] and I plead with Syntyche [SIHN-tih-tshee] to agree with each other in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you, loyal yokefellow¹, help these women who have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (NIV 84)

Unity is a _____ to God.

Philippians 2:1-4 If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:20 I have no one else like [Timothy], who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. ²¹For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

The _____ Euodia and Syntyche was a big deal.

Good people can have a _____ time getting _____ with others.

There is _____ for those who can't get _____.

_____ (NIV, NKJ, NET, ESV), Selfishness (NAS), Strife (KJV, Darby), Rivalry (HCSB, YLT), Faction (ASV)

_____ (NIV), Conceit (NKJ, ESV, HCSB), Vanity (NET), Empty conceit (NAS), Vainglory (KJV, ASV, Darby, YLT)

When I'm having conflict with others, it's because of these two reasons.

- I'm out for my _____.
- I think I'm _____ than _____.

¹ Or *Loyal Syzygus*

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Genesis 11:5-6 The LORD said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.” NIV

Psalms 133:1 How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! NIV

Prov. 6:12-15 A scoundrel and villain...he always stirs up dissension.¹⁵ Therefore disaster will overtake him in an instant; he will suddenly be destroyed—without remedy.

Prov. 6:16-19 There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: ¹⁷haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, ¹⁹a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.

Prov. 10:12 Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs.

Prov. 15:18 A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.

Prov. 16:28 A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends.

Prov. 28:25 A greedy man stirs up dissension, but he who trusts in the LORD will prosper.

Prov. 29:22-23 An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins. ²³A man’s pride brings him low, but a man of lowly spirit gains honor.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

John 13:35 “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 17:20-23 “... I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: ²³I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

Acts 4:32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.

Rom. 12:16 Live in harmony with one another...

Rom. 13:13 Let us behave decently...not in dissension and jealousy.

Rom. 15:5-6 May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, ⁶so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom. 16:17 ...watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.

1 Cor. 1:10 I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.

1 Cor. 3:3 for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? NKJ

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1 Cor. 6:1-8...⁴Therefore, if you have disputes about such matters, appoint as judges even men of little account in the church!...⁷The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated?...

1 Cor. 11:18 In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it.

1 Cor. 12:24-25 But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

2 Cor. 13:11 ...be of one mind, live in peace...

Eph. 4:3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Phil. 1:27 ...I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel

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Phil. 4:2-3 I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord...

Col. 2:2 My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love...

Titus 3:10-11 Warn a divisive person once, and then warn him a second time. After that, have nothing to do with him...

1 Peter 3:8 Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.

Jude 17-19 ...These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.