

## Unity – A Sign of Church Health

**Unity** – being one in spirit, purpose, quality of being united as one – \_\_\_\_\_

**Harmony** – a combination of parts into a pleasing or orderly whole, compatibility in opinion and action – \_\_\_\_\_

**Uniformity** – lacking diversity or variation to the point of boredom – synchronized swimming \_\_\_\_\_

### Characteristics of a Healthy Church

(Paul sets the stage for discipline through commending the best in them)

- The church is commended as a source of joy to others because:
  - They are \_\_\_\_\_ in spreading the gospel to others. (Philippians 1:3-5)
  - They know that they are a \_\_\_\_\_
  - They are alert to their \_\_\_\_\_ (1:9-11)

(Paul sets the stage for discipline by setting the standards high)

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- \_\_\_\_\_ (1:19)

(Paul sets the stage for discipline by calling believers to the high road)

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- The Challenge of 4 Ifs (2:1)
- The results of the 4 Ifs (2:2-18)
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. \_\_\_\_\_
  - iv. \_\_\_\_\_

- v. \_\_\_\_\_
- vi. \_\_\_\_\_
- vii. \_\_\_\_\_

(Paul sets the stage for discipline by citing examples of others)

- Jesus (2:5-11)
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_
- Timothy (2:19-24)
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_
- Epaphroditus (2:25-30)
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_
- Paul (3:7-14)
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_

(Paul sets the stage for discipline by addressing a specific problem in the church)

- Personal plea to Euodia and Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord - **I am talking specifically to you two**
- A plea to church leadership to help these women - (Christian life is a community – I am not left alone to fend for myself)
  - i. Let gentleness be evident
  - ii. Don't be anxious, but present requests to God in prayer
  - iii. God's peace transcends all understanding
  - iv. Think on these things
  - v. Put into practice what you have learned
- Summary –
  - i. Give individuals time to forgive and be forgiven
  - ii. Mature believers need to step in to help when the issues cannot be solved because of sinful attitudes
  - iii. Church leadership has oversight of unity and harmony issues