

Be Like-Minded in the Lord

Philippians 4:2-3

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Main Point:

When disagreements arise within the church, always pursue like-mindedness in the Lord and help others do the same.

1. Brothers and sisters in Christ are always to be like-minded.
2. However, sometimes disagreements arise within the church.
3. If disagreements are handled improperly the church can become divided.
4. When you disagree with your brethren, always pursue like-mindedness in the Lord by not insisting on your own way.
5. Help your brethren be like-minded in the Lord as well.

Quotations and Cross-References

Sinclair Ferguson: “If, as we have seen, the secret of unity is humility, its corollary is that the chief cause of division is pride.”

John 17:20-21 ²⁰ "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; ²¹ "that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. (NKJV)

Sinclair Ferguson: “How can two people who think differently be brought to think in the same way? By remembering that they are both ‘in the Lord’. They are his, not their own; they are both his. It would be inconsistent, therefore, for either of them to insist on her own way, when they both belonged to a Savior who had not insisted on his own way nor sought to please himself.”

Walter Hansen: “The two women have moved so far apart that the only hope for reconciliation is for Paul’s companion to take hold of them and draw them back together again.”

Moisés Silva: “Brothers and sisters must not avoid intervening in the dispute simply because they are afraid of ‘meddling’.”