

**Pride and Prejudice**  
Acts 11:1-18  
*Acts: The Real Church*  
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Pride and prejudice of any origin and for any reason is a destroyer of unity and a hindrance to the progress of the gospel in every age.

Because of the existence of prejudice:

1. Expect **misunderstanding** from people v.1-4.
  - a. **Contention**. The legalistic "brethren" contended with Peter v.2.
  - b. **Accusation**. The legalistic brethren accused Peter v.3.
  - c. **Explanation**. Peter explained v.4.
2. **Point** people to God v.5-17. In his personal defense he, Peter presented four pieces of evidence:
  - a. The **vision** from God (Acts 11:5–11)
  - b. **Provident** timing (v.11).
  - c. The **witness** of the Spirit (Acts 11:12–15, 17).
  - d. The witness of the **Word** (Acts 11:16).
3. Trust and **obey** God (v.17-18).
  - a. Believer, take no **credit!**
  - b. Legalist, look at the right **evidence**.
  - c. Traditionalist – give God **the glory**.
  - d. Church – be **receptive** to God's work, God's workers and to those who God's chooses to save.

Is pride and prejudice a hindrance to your witness, to our church ministry or to the kingdom of God?